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Position of Jews deteriorates in Iran

By
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JERUSALEM —

Jewish rights advocates have been understandably confused by conflicting reports regarding dramatically increased persecution of Iranian Jews.

The controversy arose recently when the New York Times published a Vienna-datelined story declaring that Jewish persecution in Iran was reaching new highs. The article spoke of widespread imprisonment, torture and cultural devastation. But then some Jewish leaders, and nearly all Israeli sources, downplayed the Times report, calling it "exaggerated and distorted," even while simultaneously admitting that the situation for Iranian Jewry was bleak.

The facts are somewhere in the middle, and closer to the Times version of the situation. But the reasons and counter-reports tell the real story of what is now going on.

The Times picture was hardly exaggerated, but it was inaccurate, according to sources here in direct touch with events in Iran. There has been no "dramatic" shift in persecution, as the headlines report, but there has been what knowledgeable sources here call "some deterioration of late."

When the Ayatollah Khomeini seized power in 1979, he quickly declared that his Islamic revolution would preserve the rights of all religious minorities — except Baha'is, which Shi'ites consider heretical. Several well known Iranians were executed for being "Zionists," but in the main, Jews were permitted to maintain their identity and property together with a low profile.

Approximately half of Iran's 60,000 Jews were allowed to emigrate to Western Europe and North America, and many even ended up in Israel. The latest reports say 18,000 Jews remain in Teheran, 7,000 in Shiraz and 5,000 elsewhere throughout Iran.

The Times reports that a turning point came in 1983 when "2,000 Jews, strolling in Teheran after Sabbath services, were rounded up by Revolutionary Guards, blindfolded, and taken in buses at gunpoint.

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Jewish groups plan strategy

Deschenes delayed again

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Deschenes Commission's report on Nazi war criminals has again been delayed, this time to the end of December. But that hasn't stopped Jewish organizations from planning strategy in the wake of the report's publication.

The report, scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30, was postponed for the fourth time because of translation and printing difficulties, the justice ministry announced last week.

Meanwhile, looking ahead to the aftermath of the report's publication, a spokesman for Canadian Jewish Congress said Congress is considering "talking with other groups" which have an interest in the Commission's findings.

Jack Silverstone, national executive director of CJC, said Congress has already held informational talks with representatives of other ethnic groups, outlining the position of the Jewish community and attempting to downplay any "misconceptions" that the question is an inter-ethnic one.

He said "we intend to call on our community and other groups" (such as the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Labor Congress) to participate in making their views known to government. The question is one of justice and prosecuting individual criminals for their acts, he said.

So far, Congress has focused on the legal aspects of bringing Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice. Now "we intend to forge ahead" to make sure the "process" begun by the Deschenes inquiry continues, Silverstone said.

Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, said BB is asking the Jewish population to make sure the Prime Minister and members of Parliament are aware of the issues. "It's important that the government recognize it's a matter of great concern to us," he said.

Shefman said "we're going to do our job by contacting MPs, but it also requires grass roots support."

However, he said B'nai B'rith didn't feel it would follow the lead of other groups who are planning a large lobbying campaign.

According to Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, "those who opposed (creation of the Commission) are already geared up for a massive publicity campaign to discourage the government" from implementing the Commission's recommendations.

"Assuming that recommendations unfavorable to the Ukrainian Canadian community are made by Mr. Justice Deschenes, the focus of the community's efforts will shift to convincing the cabinet and parliamentarians that they should not be implemented," according to the March bulletin of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, provided to The CJN by Littman.

The bulletin states that members of the UCC have sent letters, directed telephone calls and met personally with MPs.

So far there has been no indication from Commission members what the inquiry's findings were or what are its views on possible legal recourse against Nazi war criminals in Canada. Littman has said as many as 3,000 such criminals may be in Canada, although other estimates put the numbers in the hundreds.

Littman said a "well organized campaign" at the riding level has created concern among some backbenchers that it would not be politically wise to pursue any recommendations of the Commission to prosecute alleged war criminals.

"The Jewish community should recognize it's a political issue and engage in lobbying at the political level," he said. Littman said letter writing, meetings with MPs, demonstrations and publicizing the issue were tactics that should be employed. He suggested reaching out to church groups, ethnic organizations and professional associations for allies in the coming debate. "I do not think we can (rely) on a few acts of quiet diplomacy," he said.

Littman, Shefman and Silverstone agreed that bringing Nazi war criminals to justice is not just a "Jewish issue." It is a question of justice that crosses ethnic lines, they said.

Young Liberals trounce a pro-PLO resolution

OTTAWA —

A pro-PLO resolution was overwhelmingly defeated by the youth wing of the federal Liberal Party at its national convention over the weekend.

The Young Liberals of Quebec region presented a resolution calling upon the party to recognize the PLO as "the principal spokesgroup of the Palestinian people," as well as to "reaffirm its opposition to the Israeli policy of settlements in occupied territories" and demand that Israel withdraw from these territories.

The resolution was passed by a large majority at the Quebec Young Liberals' general assembly last May in Montreal. Some of the delegates who opposed the resolution, including members of the Young Liberals' Mount Royal Association, felt it had been inspired by Marcel Prud'homme, the MP for St. Denis who has openly supported the Palestinian cause for many years.

He led the general assembly's deliberation on foreign affairs.

2 more Jews announce return to Soviet Union

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Seven Soviet emigres, including two Jews, participated in a press conference here last week to announce they were returning to the Soviet Union.

Asking the Soviet government to forgive her, Raisa Vaysman said she first realized she made "a great mistake" when she entered the Moscow airport to fly to Canada 7½ years ago.

Speaking through an interpreter, 60-year-old Vaysman said she found herself in a "condition of depression" during her stay in Canada. She said she suffers from diabetes, has no family in Toronto and lived on welfare while in Toronto.

Vaysman, who will return to Baku in the southern Soviet Union, said she chose to emigrate to Canada because she "has good acquaintances here."

Marks Tsalik, the other Jew in the group, did not make a statement, though his Russian wife, Klaudia, said she too has suffered depression while living in Canada since 1974. She said her 70-year-old husband, trained as a gym teacher, worked as a "cleaner."

Neither Vaysman nor the Tsalik family (including their divorced daughter Zhana and 17-year-old grandson Igor) left the Soviet Union with exit visas for Israel.

Tsalik said they chose Canada because she had

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Jerusalem sheds light on Iranian arms role

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel has finally admitted that it played a central role in the secret diversion of American military equipment to Iran.

In response to internal and external pressure, the government issued a statement last week confirming that Israel had helped "transfer defensive arms and spare parts from the United States to Iran at the request of the United States."

The belated acknowledgement was announced after a meeting attended by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Shimon Peres

For several weeks, despite reports to the contrary, Israel insisted it had not been involved in the burgeoning controversy. Israel acknowledged its involvement after repeated demands by Knesset members for hard information and startling developments and revelations in the U.S.

The tumultuous week in Jerusalem began after parliamentarians charged that the government had not only kept them uninformed but had taken part in "shady" deals with a government (Iran) whose leaders rail against the very existence of the Jewish state and encourage international terrorism.

The pressure on Israel to come clean increased tremendously in the wake of President Ronald Reagan's decision to drop two White House officials — national security advisor John Poindexter and his aide, Oliver North — and launch an official investigation into the convoluted affair.

According to Attorney-General Edwin Meese, North and "others" (who remain anonymous so far) conspired in a plot to channel profits from the $12 million arms deals to Nicaraguan rebels fighting the Sandinista regime in Managua.

The profits, said to be in the range of $10 million to $30 million, were deposited in a Swiss bank account without the knowledge of the President or the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and were therefore illegal.

In making his disclosures, Meese left the impression, unintended though it may have been, that the monies bound to the Nicaraguan contras had somehow passed through the hands of Israeli intermediaries.

In the face of these bombshells, Israel decided it had no choice but to set the record straight.

Perhaps the most compelling reason for Israel to own up to its role was to assure the pro-Israeli Congress that it had not acted illegally. Congress and the White House are at odds over the wisdom of supplying the contras with military assistance to overthrow the current Nicaraguan government.

Nicaragua, which recognizes the PLO, severed its diplomatic relations with Israel in the summer of 1982. Israel shipped military supplies to the former Nicaraguan government, headed by the dictatorial Somoza family.

Israel quickly denied any

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Holiday deadlines

Because of the holiday season, editorial deadlines are advanced. Club, organization and other news for the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 issues must be in the Toronto office no later than Thursday, Dec. 11. But better still, get your news in TODAY and beat the rush in the mails.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

CIC CONFERENCE

Canada-Israel Committee president Sidney Spivak (left) chats with External Affairs Minister Joe Clark at annual CIC conference in Ottawa. See stories on pages 12 and 13. [Howard Kay photo]

World-National

Religious pluralism right path

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

My recent journey to Israel had two purposes: to lecture at Haifa University and to attend the dedication ceremonies of the World Center for Progressive Judaism, as well as the new enlarged facilities of Hebrew Union College. It was a great and joyful occasion, attended by Israel's leaders and enhanced by the exquisite beauty of Moshe Safdie's architectural masterpiece. When completed it will be one of the city's great tourist attractions.

Rabbi Plaut

"Progressive - Liberal-Reform" — these words which are so familiar in the Diaspora still have a ring of strangeness to many Israelis, who are so turned off by religion that when they hear of quarrels between Orthodox and non-Orthodox groups they will say, "A plague on both your houses." Such an attitude provides the fertile ground on which bus shelter burnings and synagogue desecrations are possible.

For us here, religious pluralism is a fact; in Israel it still struggles for recognition. True, the name of Rabbi Reuven (Richard) Hirsch is now widely known and his views are quoted by the papers; and the World Zionist Organization's handsome magazine Israel Scene has featured Israel's first woman rabbi on its front cover.

Attack sparks truce

But it took a Simchat Torah attack on a Progressive synagogue in Jerusalem's Baka quarter to move the whole matter front and centre. The bus shelter incidents and subsequent synagogue attacks were perceived as outcroppings of extremist tensions; but the interference with the services in Baka became something else. Suddenly the issue of religious equality for the non-Orthodox became a public concern, and Israelis who otherwise don't care about religious matters began to consider the rights of the Progressives to be everybody's business. What years of patient and quiet labor were unable to achieve the Baka outrage accomplished overnight.

Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman (nephew of Toronto's Rabbi Joseph Kelman) was ordained at the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. His father, Wolfe, is the executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the worldwide association of Conservative rabbis. The young rabbi has made aliya and now serves congregation Kol Haneshama which is affiliated with the Progressive movement. Men and women sit together and participate in the service on an equal basis. The service has a chassidic tinge and is of course entirely in Hebrew. Many young Israelis are attracted by it, as are North American olim. Last year the congregation was forced to abandon its meeting quarters in the Labor Party's building; political-religious pressure had done its work. But this year the local area council found the congregation a temporary home in the community centre.

On Simchat Torah, during the hakafot, Moroccan-born Rabbi Eliahu Abergil and some of his followers invaded the synagogue and tried to wrest a Sefer Torah away from the worshipper who carried it. The ensuing struggle became national news, and nothing was the same thereafter.

Rabbi Abergil subsequently apologized and even said that he had erred and that he would henceforth respect the rights of Progressive Jews. But the spectacle of Jews wrestling over a Sefer Torah would not go away. Rabbi Abergil, wrote David Chintz in the daily press, has handed Reform Jews on a silver platter what they might not have achieved for years.

On the heels of the incident came the dedication of the new Progressive structure in Jerusalem's prime spot: on King David St., above Mamilah facing the Western Wall. The media now gave the ceremonies wide play, full-page pictures and extensive TV coverage.

Has a new era dawned? Not yet. Political realities have not changed; the coalition still counts on the cooperation of the Agudah and of Shas — the ultra-traditional parties of the Ashkenazim and the Sephardim. But some change is in the air, and pluralism is now seriously on Israel's agenda.

Israeli spy feared unstable

U.S. pressuring Pollard to talk

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The U.S. justice department has been trying — so far unsuccessfully — to get convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard to implicate other American Jews and Jewish organizations in alleged Israeli espionage activities in the United States.

But Pollard, according to informed sources, has steadfastly rejected justice department insinuations that a broader Israeli spy network was operating in the United States.

"Pollard has not implicated anyone else," one informed source close to the investigation said. Since his arrest, he has been repeatedly and sharply questioned by an assortment of federal prosecutors, law enforcement officers and intelligence officials.

They have been focusing their investigation into the activities of several national Jewish organizations.

American Jewish leaders are deeply aware of the suspicions among some senior justice department investigators that Pollard may have been part of a wider Israeli espionage operation in the United States. The Jewish leaders have strongly denied that any such network exists.

They have, however, privately expressed concern that Pollard, during the course of extensive questioning and under a great deal of pressure, may make some statement to back up this allegation. Their fears have been aroused by the prevailing impression in the Jewish community that Pollard was supposedly somewhat unstable.

Their concern seems to have been further strengthened because of the deep personal bitterness and disappointment he expressed on Nov. 20 during an exclusive, 3-hour interview with this reporter at the Petersburg federal prison in Virginia. It was the first time Pollard has spoken out since his arrest one year ago outside the Israeli embassy in Washington.

He told a very sad story with broad implications for Israel and American Jewry. He deserves greater support from Israel and more understanding from the American Jewish community.

Pollard said he was "befuddled" and "heartbroken" by the decision of the Israeli government and the American Jewish community to effectively abandon him since his arrest.

"I feel the same way that one of Israel's pilots would feel if after being shot down, nobody made an effort to come get him," he said. "Not even lifted a finger — in fact, questioned his abilities and his motivations."

Yet during the interview, he still proclaimed his deep love for Israel and for Jews everywhere. He said he still hoped to make aliya one day and to live "a productive life in Israel."

Wearing a light khaki, short-sleeve prison shirt and darker khaki trousers, he said: "As far as I am concerned, I am as much a loyal son to that country as anybody has ever been . . . I did my best. I'm sorry if I wasn't the most effective from a long-range standpoint. But I did my best."

His big mistake, he said, was in not making aliya before entering into the espionage operation with the Israeli officials. He said he had contemplated aliya since the 1967 Six Day War, when he was 13 years old. "My heart has always been in the East," he said.

In recent days, several Israeli officials in Washington have expressed their personal view that the Israeli government did indeed behave less than honorably toward Pollard and his family over the past year. He was a devoted agent who provided Israel with very important information, they confirmed.

But they noted that the government was primarily concerned about the "bigger" issue of U.S.-Israeli relations rather than the fate of Pollard. By abandoning Pollard and cooperating with the U.S. investigation — to the point of even providing evidence against him — Israel hoped to limit the damage to its relationship with the U.S.

Israeli officials expressed confidence that the Israeli government would eventually take some steps to help Pollard and his family, especially with the enormous legal costs they have amassed.

But Pollard felt betrayed by the official Israeli reaction. "By avoiding the issue," he said, "all Israel is doing is leaving an unburied body to rot and stink and foul the air . . . I'm tired. I'm frustrated. I'm scared as hell for myself and my wife. I just want to end this."

For his own protection, Pollard has been isolated in a 6 foot by 9 foot cell at the maximum security prison. He has received numerous threats from white supremacy and Black Muslim hate groups. If he is ever thrown into a general prison population, he could be severely hurt or even killed.

He has lost 60 pounds since his arrest and quit smoking. Because he was originally overweight, he commented: "Those are the only positive developments that have happened." He did appear physically fit and mentally alert.

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Pollard, while acknowledging that he committed a bad mistake by agreeing to spy for Israel, insisted that his motives were pure. He said that he was acting strictly out of his Zionist commitment to Israel. "I was raised to believe in the centrality of Israel to the Jewish people," he said.

"I broke the law," he continued. "I'm not mincing any words. I broke the law. I've never considered myself above the law."

But as a civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, he had come across what he described as very frightening information concerning security threats facing Israel. After learning that this information was not routinely being provided to Israel through official channels, he decided to act on his own. He strongly denied that he was part of any broader American Jewish spy network operating for Israel.

Pollard, during the interview, maintained that he never actually spied "against" the United States. He said he merely provided Israel with information concerning Arab military threats. He did not see anything contradictory in his being "a good Zionist and a good American."

The Israeli government has argued that the operation was unauthorized and represented a violation of Israeli policy. U.S. officials remain skeptical of that assertion, in part because of Eitan's subsequent appointment to head Israel Chemicals, the largest government-owned company in Israel.

Last June, Pollard pleaded guilty to espionage charges against him. His wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of possessing classified documents. She has been released on bail. Both are awaiting sentencing, which is not expected before the end of the January at the earliest.

Architect selected

WASHINGTON (JTA) — James Ingo Freed, of I. M. Pei and Partner, has been selected as the design architect for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, it was announced by Arthur Rosenblatt, the museum's director.

Freed, 56, was the principal design architect for the newly-completed Jacob Javits Exposition and Convention Center in New York City. Born in Essen, Germany, he and his family came to the U.S. in 1940.

"The Holocaust in its enormity defies language and art, yet both must be used to tell the tale, the tale that must be told," Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocuast Memorial Council, said. "In James Freed we have found an architect who can master this unique challenge."

Reagan's "final test" snaps public's trust and patience

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

I was never keen on the description of the Reagan Years as a Teflon presidency. When historians go searching for a label to mark the first six years of this administration, they won't find it in cookware. It's in that other domestic art: parenting. The 1980s will go down as nothing less than the era of the Permissive Presidency.

How often did Ronald Reagan warn us about the evils of the permissive society? No rules, no brakes, no discipline, anything goes. It turns out the man was absolutely right. Throughout his formative early years as President, Ronald Reagan was a hapless victim of a politically permissive upbringing.

Consider the words of no less an authority on child-raising than Dr. Spock. Unfairly accused of being pediatrician to a permissive generation, the doctor himself warns: "A child, like an adult, knows when she is getting away with too much naughtiness. . . . If she isn't corrected, she's likely to behave worse and worse. It's as if she were saying, 'How bad do I have to be before somebody stops me?'"

Does he/she have to be shipping arms to the ayatollah?

Apparently. It took the Iranian arms deal to get the American people to finally say "no" to their favorite son. For the first time, the overwhelming majority of Americans in last week's Los Angeles Times poll said they didn't believe the President when he denied trading arms for hostages.

In the United States, people are supposed to be custodians of the ward called democracy. But they've have been unwilling to hold the President they love accountable for his actions. Maybe there was a little law-bending here, a bit of diplomatic lying there, gun-running in Nicaragua, disinformation in Libya, tale-telling over the KAL 007, disorder in Reykjavik. We allowed an escalating series of events to be treated as if they were well-meaning acts or "misspeaks." Merely a stage he was going through.

Many chose to trust Ron rather than the evidence or, certainly, the evidence-bearers. Like a fond family, we melted each time he came striding open-faced and cheerful into the living-room television greeting us, "Good evening . . . you know my name." We were, to put it simply, overindulgent and relentlessly approving.

Of course, the more we allowed his dubious behavior, the more the boundaries were pushed. It's textbook stuff. What do the child psychologists call it? Testing. The final test came when the man who promised he would never deal with terrorists got caught dealing and he couldn't quite charm his way out of it.

From my vantage point, permissiveness — either in the body politic or in parenting — bears a strong resemblance to another P-word in the casebooks: passiveness. Parents who prematurely resign as family rulemakers often delude themselves with the idea that their offspring are old enough to take care of themselves without "a watchdog."

There is some personal value in this self-deception. These parents free themselves from the responsibility of overseeing the behavior of their kids. Their young are either emancipated or neglected; the parents are off the hook.

It's the same with permissive politics. The eagerness to totally trust the President, to ignore any early warnings signs, any notices that get sent home, allows us to go about our lives without paying attention. We actively want to be able to leave our public wards on their own.

In all this, there is yet another P-word: powerlessness. The most permissive parents or citizens I know are people who don't believe in their ability to have an impact, to effect change when things or people go awry. They go through Parent Ineffectiveness Training.

But what happens when the misbehavior keeps escalating? Let me return to Dr. Spock: "Eventually (his) behavior becomes so provoking that the parents' patience snaps."

The President offered a rationale of the Iranian arms deal that was about as convincing as a teenager's tale of how the family car got banged up. The country's patience didn't snap, but it is more than a bit frayed.

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Fragmented, fighting for survival in reality

PLO made to look successful: terror expert

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

OTTAWA —

Yoram Hamizrachi, co-director of the Counter Terror Study Centre in Winnipeg and former colonel in the Israeli Defence Forces, accused the world Jewish community of "making the PLO look like a success story."

Speaking to the participants of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO 17th national public affairs seminar held here last week, he added that "they are successful only where we help them, by glorifying them unwittingly." Its erstwhile director, Yasser Arafat, has no home, the organization is fragmented and fighting for its survival and hundreds, if not thousands, of its members have been killed.

Hamizrachi accused Jews and other Westerners of "falling into their (the PLO's) trap" and believing them to be far stronger and more effective than they are.

Israel's approach to terrorism is different than that of Jews in the Diaspora, he said, adding that Israelis' concern about the PLO is not as great as that of Jews outside of Israel. "It's not a top priority."

Running down the list of the myriad of terrorist groups around the world, he said hundreds of people are killed in such areas as Pakistan by local terrorists, who receive little, if any, coverage in the Western media.

Compounding the difficulties in dealing with international terrorism are its wide scope; the fact that no one has yet defined exactly who or what a terrorist is (one man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter); that the real "experts" on terrorism are the terrorists themselves; the law enforcement officers battling them who won't reveal their private information; and the shortage of sources and resource material on terrorist activity.

Defining who is a terrorist is a personal issue, he stated, and depends largely on who you are, the "color of your sin, where you started from. The process is a minefield."

Canada is not immune

The myth created by the PLO "and accepted internationally, is that the only cause of terrorism is Israel," he said and he went on to question how such terrorist movements as the Red Brigades in Italy, the IRA in Ireland and the Bader Meinhoff gang in Germany are linked to Israel.

Adding that Canada is not immune to terrorist activity, he went down the list of actions perpetrated here, from the FLQ bombings and kidnappings in Quebec in the 70s, to an aborted bombing in 1977 in Toronto by a group of Croatians, to the recent attack on the life of an Indian government official in British Columbia to the formation of an Action Direct group in BC who later bombed the Litton plant in Ontario, wounding several people and causing thousands of dollars damage.

There are more terrorist groups in the United States than in any other country of the world, he added. Many are very small, with only three or five members, but they can still "drive a nation crazy."

Tracing the movements of the Aryan nation group across the United States and into Canada, Hamizrachi created consternation and concern among his audience when he described their hate literature and strong anti-Jewish, anti-Israeli propaganda. He warned the women to "wake up" to the menace of this group and to its growing strength.

Canadian law has no provisions for dealing with terrorists, he explained, and treats them as ordinary criminals, affording them all civil rights, including time off for good behavior in jail.

The Aryan Nations has been called by American law enforcement officers the most dangerous terrorist group in the United States, yet it has been accepted in-

Problem termed disease

to Canada, where it calls itself a "church" and has established roots in Alberta. Its members include officers in the U.S. Army, who help secure weapons and armaments. Approximately 30% of its membership are Canadians living in Canada, Hamizrachi stated.

"We should never make the mistake of isolating one kind of terrorism from another," he warned. "It should all be dealt with as a disease, as a problem beyond international boundaries."

In another session, Dr. Yosef Lapid, a professor with the department of international relations at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and currently an exchange professor in political science at Carleton University in Ottawa, traced the growth of fundamentalist religions in the Middle East.

Fundamentalists look to religion for interpretations of the world and are uncompromising when they introduce religion into politics. They believe they are acting according to the will of God and that they will be rewarded in an afterlife for doing so. They are ready to die for their religious credos.

Both Moslem and Jewish fundamentalists believe that killing non-believers isn't murder. Many of the new fundamentalists are young, highly educated and avant garde. They believe that Western social and economic values don't work, but nevertheless they accept Western technology.

Lapid stated emphatically that it's not up to Israel to help stem the tide of Moslem fundamentalism or to eliminate it. "It's not for us to decide how the Moslems should run their lives," he said.

Lapid expressed greater concern about the rise of Jewish fundamentalist extremist groups in Israel.

"The internal threat has risen to a very serious level," he stated. The ultra-Orthodox/non-Zionists see Israel as an affront and a "rebellion" against the design of God. Some even view the Holocaust as a punishment and retribution against the Jewish people because of their Zionism.

They seem to have no common denominator or common ground with other Israelis.

Lapid is also worried about other extremists who use religious symbolism to achieve their ends, who view any territorial compromise with the Palestinians as a "great mistake" that goes against the divine plan of God and who want to build a third Temple. They don't care if Israel doesn't achieve peace, saying it is an impossible goal.

The various elements in these religious/political cleavages are diametrically opposed on all issues and can't talk with each other. Their dissension is also causing a rift with the 700,000 Israeli Arabs who traditionally considered themselves to be Israelis and now are becoming segregated and radicalized, he said.

"The moderates are becoming strangulated by the extremists on both sides," he concluded and added that he fears that the Israelis' delaying tactics in reaching a conclusion on the problem is making the situation worse. "We must find some common denominators and defuse the problem."

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Canadian Jewish Congress immediate past president Milton Harris (left) and executive vice-president Alan Rose received the Order of Canada at a recent ceremony in Ottawa. They are seen with their wives Ethel and Joyce, respectively.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Do the stories in the Torah have any halachic content? Or, are they just stories? — Clara Waxman, Toronto.

The Torah, the volume written by Hashem, must have great meaning. Its stories can't be just stories. Perhaps this is best seen in the opening story of Bereshis, and in the closing story in the Pentateuch.

Rabbi Burak

In the opening drama, we have a number of ways of reading the story. In some theologies, it is known as the Fall of Man. It gave rise to the lines, "In Adam's fall, We sinned all." When looked at by a rabbinic eye, however, the story shows us another aspect of the Almighty.

Not only did He do that which no one else could do; in the act of creation, but in his mercy to the fallen ones He could become a tailor, an act of mercy well beyond the capacity of the human heart. Adam and Eve had sinned; for this they were expelled from Eden.

The new world to which they were banished would require a different set of clothes. The climate outside Eden could not be as mild as the climate of that paradise. Paradise lost required that their clothes be made of sturdier and warmer materials than the fig leaves that had sufficed in Eden.

So, we are told, in Genesis, Chapter 3:21, that "the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skins, and clothed them." The sinners, though driven out of Eden, were given consideration by the All Merciful. Their new clothes, as Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l. pointed out in his commentary, were "better suited to the rough life in front of them than the apron of leaves they were wearing."

Thus, the Torah opens with an act of loving kindness to two people who didn't exactly deserve it. That's the way the sages of the Midrash see the Torah's lesson to us.

Does this passage permit us to have fur coats? Not necessarily. The new garments may have been made of wool.

The closing story of the Pentateuch tells us of the death of Moshe Rabbeinu. This too is seen as a lesson for us. We are to be kind. While according to the poet the burial of Moses took place this way: "For the angels of God, Upturned the sod, And buried the dead man there," according to the Midrash, Tanchuma, Va-yera, page 72 (Buber edition) "we read that He, God Himself, brought Moses to burial (Deuteronomy 34:6)."

With the Torah beginning and ending with acts of loving kindness, it's surprising, extremely surprising, that some very fine preachers had nothing else to preach on Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of our year, except a message of hate, a message how to be unkind.

What's the use of dipping challah in honey, and eating an apple dipped in honey so as to have a sweet new year, and then come forth with a bitter statement advising the good people to withhold giving bread to . . . ? Another excellent preacher had nothing more heartwarming to present than a sermon that "frum is false," on our New Year's Day. Was his flock in any danger of becoming too religious?

C. E. Montague, in his little book, Disenchantment, has a chapter on "The Sheep that Were Not Fed." One of his gems on that kind of sermon is from the Bible: "A great and strong wind, but the Lord was not in the wind."

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Govt. pro-Israel, McDougall tells Hadassah event

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

OTTAWA —

The Canadian government is committed to a pro-Israel, pro-women's issues and pro-Soviet Jewry policy, Barbara McDougall, minister of state (privatization) and minister responsible for the status of women, told a Hadassah-WIZO national public affairs seminar here last week.

"I remain personally committed to the cause of justice for Soviet Jewry," she said. "And our government is pledged to use every avenue available to urge the Soviet Union to permit the emigration of Jews who wish to leave that country.

Share common values

"Our government is also steadfast in its support for the security and well-being of Israel. We share a heritage of common values: freedom, democracy, justice and the rule of law. We know something of the cost and sacrifice to build a nation. We've done that in Canada. We admire the spirit of the pioneers of Israel who were determined to create a society where the individual would be respected and thus created the idea and ideal that is Israel."

Issues such as equal pay and opportunity for women, child care and pensions, once known as "women's issues" and now called "family issues" are a priority with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and are being implemented into government policy and action, she added.

"Over the coming months, issues of concern to women will continue to be at the forefront of our government's attention," the minister stated.

Later in the day, Dr. Conrad Winn, professor of political science at Carleton University and co-author, with University of Haifa sociologist Gabriel Weimann, of Hate on Trial: The Zundel Affair, The Media and Public Opinion in Canada, discussed anti-semitism in Canada.

Surprising his audience somewhat, the professor said that in his opinion, "anti-semitism is a problem, but not our major problem" in Canada. The central problem is that the Holocaust decimated our numbers and we are not reproducing at a fast enough rate.

"We must persuade Jewish people to be sufficiently proud of their Jewishness to reproduce. We must confront the issue of numbers."

In discussing his book, he revealed that "all the experts had estimated that exposure to the Zundel trial The "experts" were wrong.

There was a limited awareness about the trial, especially in French Canada. All of the journalists knew about it, but half the Canadians didn't, Winn's research revealed. Zundel claimed that he won a million dollars worth of free publicity, but Winn agrees with Allan Shefman of the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights that it was "one million dollars worth of notoriety."

Most people claimed that their views towards Jews didn't change as a result of the trial. Of those who did admit to a change of heart, 98% said they became more sympathetic to Jews and 80% said they became less sympathetic to Germany.

Although the media carried a great deal of coverage of the trial, it also had extensive coverage on Jewish issues and Jewish life, he said. Moreover, those Canadians who watched Zundel on television were repelled by him, finding him to be the antithesis of their sense of fair play and fair mindedness.

At earlier sessions on the media, Avi Gil told the more than 40 women participating in the seminar that the media in Canada are now generally more positive towards Israel.

Gil, the press attache at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, said that this is in sharp contrast to 1982, during the war in Lebanon, when Israel was pictured as an aggressor — a goliath battling the poor, defenceless Palestinians, with events blown out of proportion and distorted by misleading headlines and staged photos.

Too much media attention

But, Gil said, Israel is still a major source of front page news in Canada and this "disproportionate" coverage creates an "unbalanced view" of events.

Gil was joined in the session by Ilya Gerol, a foreign affairs columnist with the Ottawa Citizen, who agreed that the media are more sympathetic to Israel than they had been in the past — especially since the recent visit to Ottawa by Shimon Peres, when he was Prime Minister. Almost without exception, the Canadian press reaction to Peres was positive, understanding and sympathetic, Gerol said.

Calling Canada "probably the most open society in the world," Gerol said the press here must be held accountable for its actions. "Public pressure (in the form of letters to the editor and to producers of radio and TV news programs) is a good thing."

Barbara McDougall (right) is inducted as a Life Member of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO by the organization's national president, Cecily Peters of Toronto at Hadassah public affairs seminar in Ottawa.

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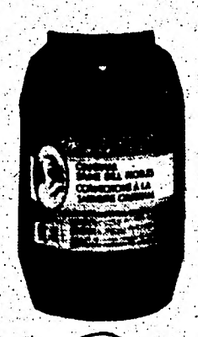

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The Canadian Jewish News, November 20, 1986

DO ORTHODOX INSTITUTIONS REALLY "DESTROY THE FABRIC SOCIETY OF ISRAELI SOCIETY"?

— Do the many centres of Torah learning in Israel in which thousands of young Israelis engage in Torah study defending the country, destroy the fabric of Israeli society, or do they, in fact, enhance it?

— Do Orthodox outreach programs which have saved and continue to save Israeli youth from drugs, cults and missionaries destroy the fabric of Israeli life or enhance it?

— Do Orthodox kibbutzim participate in pioneering advancements of agriculture and farming in Israel destroy the fabric of Israeli society or enhance it?

— Do hospitals under Orthodox auspices which have been taking care of infants, elderly and the terminally ill, destroy the fabric of Israeli society or enhance it?

— Do Orthodox teacher training institutions and colleges which have prepared some of the leading intellects and decision makers of Israeli society, destroy the fabric of Israeli society or do they, in fact, enhance it?

— Do Orthodox Chaplains who serve all Israeli soldiers, ministering to their human needs, overseeing the preparation of their kosher meals, supplying religious articles to those who desire them and attend to their personal concerns, destroy the fabric of Israel society or enhance it?

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Campaign to provide gifts for 26,700 children

Na'amat thanks CJN readers for their help

By
LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —
When convenors of the Na'amat Pioneer Women Dollars for David campaign sat down and faced the fact that the number of children for whom they would have to supply Chanukah gifts had grown this year from 25,000 to 26,700, for a moment, they were stunned.

Then they realized that they still believed that no child would have to be disappointed because of the faith they have in readers of The CJN, and in their response to the orange Dollars for David envelopes.

It suddenly struck the committee that they had never done anything significant to thank those who pick up the Dollars for David envelopes, which comes once a year in The CJN, and make the effort to mail it in with a check.

As a result, Goldie Burstein, originator of the campaign and its chairman, came with her committee to the offices of The CJN last week and presented to editor Maurice Lucow an elaborate bronze plaque which will be displayed in the newspaper's reception area to thank CJN readers.

Provide over 50% of funds

The plaque reads as follows: "Na'amat Pioneer Women Chanukah Dollars for David Campaign proudly salutes the readers of The Canadian Jewish News for their generous and loving concern for the thousands of children cared for in Na'amat full care homes and day care nurseries in Israel."

CJN readers throughout Canada provide over 50% of funds raised in the Dollars for David campaign. The balance comes from Jewish schoolchildren in many cities, from the 4,000 Canadian Na'amat Pioneer Women members and their friends, and from fund raising events that are run by Na'amat clubs across the country.

The campaign, which Burstein created in 1973, was inspired by her concern for the bereaved children of the Yom Kippur War, many of whom had come into Na'amat's care.

She was determined to give them some happiness by sending Chanukah gifts to all of the children in Na'amat homes and nurseries, since there was no way to single out any one child.

Since then, it has been demonstrated that the receiving of individual gifts at Chanukah by thousands of deprived children has greatly enhanced their emotional development.

Goldie Burstein, originator and chairman of the Dollars for David campaign, presents Canadian Jewish News editor Maurice Lucow with a plaque to thank CJN readers for their contributions to the annual Chanukah campaign. [Graphic Artists photo]

The quality of the gift — a doll, a book, or a toy — which each child will receive, depends on the amount of money which is collected. The total will have to be divided among nearly 27,000 children. Therefore the campaign is an open-ended one, with its only set financial goal the maximum possible.

"It takes a very special kind of person to send money in without being personally approached," Burstein told The CJN.

"Most people donate to causes because someone asks them and they can't say no. But CJN readers do it because they really care. Nobody puts them on the spot. Nobody pushes them. They just give willingly and generously from loving hearts.

"We just had to acknowledge your wonderful readers in a special way."

For information about the Dollars for David campaign, call these Na'amat presidents in the following cities:

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Ruling is sought on non-Jews in sisterhoods

NEW YORK (JTA) —
The Women's League for Conservative Judaism has called upon the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Law and Standards to determine whether the non-Jewish woman in a mixed marriage can become a sisterhood member.

At present, the Rabbinical Assembly's law committee has ruled that the 1,200-member Conservative rabbis should not accept mixed marriage couples into their congregation. However, there is no sanction process and there are some Conservative rabbis who have permitted mixed couples to become synagogue members.

At the recent biennial meeting of the Women's League, a resolution was adopted stating: "We recognize with concern the growing rate of mixed marriages and the resulting situations that continue to arise across the country in our affiliated sisterhoods." The resolution called on the Rabbinical Assembly "to explore all facets of the question and establish standards and guidelines for the synagogue and its affiliated organizations."

The resolution added: "We recognize the needs of non-Jewish women, married to Jewish men, whether affiliated or unaffiliated with a synagogue, who have expressed the desire to pursue Jewish aims and ideals. We wish to encourage their participation in Jewish community life."

The Women's League called for the development of an educational and cultural outreach program to the non-Jewish woman partner in a mixed marriage.

Rabbi Kassel Abelson, Rabbinical Assembly president, told the convention that the entire question of mixed marriages must be dealt with and that programs should be established in each congregation to "deal with these questions and bring the family closer to Judaism and closer to the synagogue, so that children of all mixed marriages will be raised as Jews."

Where interest develops, he added, "because the family is warmly welcomed into the congregation and their problems sympathetically dealt with, we may discover that the non-Jewish spouse will, at some point, opt to study about Judaism and even convert to Judaism."

Abelson noted that many Conservative congregations are confronted with such questions as: should the children of a mixed marriage be permitted to study in religious schools, allowed to be bar or bat mitzvah, or even to get married in the congregation? "There is scarcely a family in our congregations that has not been touched by this problem in the person of a child marrying outside of the faith," he added.

Phyllis Haas, a past national vice-president of the Women's League, agreed that dealing with non-Jewish spouses in a mixed marriage becomes a sensitive problem, which has been on the increase in Conservative congregations over the past number of years. She felt that only halachically converted couples should be accepted as members

But Margery Saulson, the Women's League's Michigan branch president who agreed that the question of non-Jewish spouses must be dealt with, said: "We must embrace her and encourage her in the study of Judaism."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was America's first Jewish astronaut.
2. What four distinct languages were produced by Jews during our long history?
3. What Hebrew letter does NOT appear in the Grace after meals?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Judith Resnick, who was killed when the space ship Discovery blew up early this year.
2. Hebrew, Aramaic, Yiddish and Ladino.
3. The final "feh" (feh sofit).

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Bick satisfied with "frank discussions"

BBC holds wide-ranging talks with Shamir

TORONTO —

A delegation representing B'nai B'rith Canada, led by national president Harry Bick, held wide-ranging talks with Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir including the issue of Soviet Jewry, the organization reports.

The Prime Minister indicated that the emigration of Soviet Jewry would take precedence over the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

It is "our first priority to change the (Soviet) policy and attitude towards Soviet Jewry," said Shamir. He added, "My government is prepared to bring these people directly to Israel. We want to give them (Soviet Jews) the opportunity to see the country and stay here."

Bick expressed satisfaction with the "frank and open nature of these discussions." He added that "B'nai B'rith Canada, as a major spokes-organization for the Canadian Jewish community on international affairs, supports the effort of the government of Israel in its attempt to change the policy of the Soviet Union on these questions."

Frank Dimant, coordinator of the President's Mission and executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, said he was confident that the organization's Soviet Jewry Committee would intensify its efforts to heighten the awareness of the community.

Seen with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (second from right) are Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada; Ralph Snow, president-elect; and Harry Bick, president.

The B'nai B'rith delegation also held discussions with other political leaders, senior diplomats, government officials and academics on a variety of issues including terrorism, defence, religious affairs, Israel-Diaspora relations and settlements in Judea and Samaria.

The Canadian delegation also met Canadian Ambassador James Bartleman and Hana Nasser, deputy mayor of Bethlehem.

One of the highlights of this 2-week mission was the dedication of the Charles Goldlust Mother and Child Health Care Clinic in Jerusalem.

"We believe that this centre which services the needs of over 8,000 mothers and children is a concrete reminder of B'nai B'rith Canada's commitment to the philosophy of "people helping people," said Ralph Snow, president-elect of the organization and a co-chairman of the building committee of the Jerusalem clinic.

Among the members of the delegation were: Harry and Joyce Bick, Ralph and Isabella Snow, Frank Dimant, Morris and Ruth Flicht, Arthur Hiess, Bert and Jean Mendelson, Ronnie Roth, Lou and Hilde Ronson, Sam and Sylvia Wineberg, Dr. Fred and Genya Intrator, Alan Roness, and Bronek and Rose Handler.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

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KROL — CROLL

The venerable Senator David Croll, who served with distinction as mayor of the city of Windsor, Ont., provincial minister of labor in the Ontario cabinet, and as a stalwart campaigner for the rights of the disadvantaged workers and senior citizens, merits consideration of his surname which has earned a place of honor in Canadian history.

KROL is the Slavonic word for KING. David was a king in ancient Israel. This dual identification with royalty moves me to dub him affectionately as Old King Croll.

Demjanjuk trial gets under way

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The trial of alleged Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk was formally opened in Jerusalem District Court last week and, after a 40-minute hearing, was adjourned until Jan. 19.

The Ukrainian-born former resident of Cleveland, Ohio, is charged with responsibility for the deaths of tens of thousands of Jews and others at the Treblinka death camp during World War II, where he is alleged to have served as a guard, known to inmates as Ivan the Terrible because of his unmitigated brutality. According to the charges, he personally operated the gas chambers.

At the hearing, Demjanjuk and his American lawyer, Mark O'Connor, repeated the defence contention of mistaken identity. "I am not Ivan the Terrible whom they want to hang," a visibly nervous Demjanjuk told the court.

The official charges against the accused are war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against persecuted people." Asked how his client pleaded, O'Connor said,

"We cannot deny that such terrible things were done in the camps, and we would therefore be prepared to admit to many of the charges, but the accused is not the man to whom the charge sheet refers."

The small courtroom was filled mainly with justice ministry officials and the media. The prisoner spoke in his native Ukrainian, translated into Hebrew and English. An argument arose when the defence asked that the Ukrainian translator be replaced on grounds that he is to be a prosecution witness. Another person of Ukrainian origin took over the translation.

Demjanjuk, 66, was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981 for lying about his alleged Nazi past. He is the first Nazi war crimes suspect extradited to Israel and will be the first to stand trial here since Adolf Eichmann, who was executed in 1962.

Demjanjuk was brought to Israel last February and has been confined since then to a maximum security cell at Ramle prison.

When the proceedings get underway in January, they will be held in the Binyaneu Haooma concert hall, which can accommodate the large number of spectators expected. The prosecution wants a speedy trial. The court will convene in morning and afternoon sessions, four days a week.

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Editorial

Turning the tables

Abba Eban once said that "diplomats are people who go abroad to lie for their countries."

In Syria that all too human tendency has been raised to a level unprecedented in the realms of international relations. If Hafez Assad were Pinochio, his nose would have grown a full foot in length.

In Syria, however, diplomats lie both within and without the borders of their nation.

In the wake of the conviction of Nezar Hindawi, in a London courtroom recently, Syria's ruthless pursuit of international terrorism was exposed.

Instead of quietly withdrawing from this embarrassing exposure, Assad (the man who has killed more Syrians and Arabs than he has Israelis) promptly went on the attack.

As Benjamin Netanyahu observed recently in The New York Times, the Syrians first denied that any evidence of their complicity existed.

When copious amounts of the latter turned up in London, Damascus then suggested that the Mossad had planned the whole thing (and apparently found several European leaders stupid enough to believe the Syrians).

The third ingenious Syrian response in the midst of the furor of Britain breaking off diplomatic relations was Damascus' first of two deus ex-machina events — the release of two American hostages originally held in Lebanon.

The second was the "coincidental" release to a Syrian-backed Lebanese newspaper details of the United States' secret arms agreement with Iran.

Assad's diversionary tactics worked well. Within days Syria's use of terrorism as state policy was off the pages of the world's press: Reagan's indiscretions with Iran had replaced it.

Cynics will stand in awe and admiration at the maneuvering skills deployed by Syria's ruler.

Decent citizens, however, will remember how Syria has disfigured the reputation and honor of the Arab peoples by using the time-honored practice of diplomatic immunity to engage in savage terrorism.

Hats off to ABC

We salute ABC Television for its recent film tribute to Beate and Serge Klarsfeld. Broadcast on Nov. 23, the film, a made-for-television production, sought to highlight the extraordinary courage and commitment exhibited by Beate, especially in her more than two decades-long attempt to identify and bring to justice Nazi war criminals.

While the film was certainly far from cinematographically perfect, the actors and directors who worked on it succeeded in showing how sometimes only individuals can move the inertia and logjams that are found in bureaucracies.

In the early 60s, the young German-born Beate Klarsfeld, outraged about what she had learned of her nation's role in the extermination of European Jewry, set out to rectify what she considered an affront to the conscience of civilization — that Nazi executioners were walking the streets of Germany as free men.

At considerable risk to her life, Mrs. Klarsfeld (ably assisted by her French husband) tracked down known Nazis in German cities and brought the glare of publicity to these evil men. In some cases she succeeded in obtaining arrest warrants; in other cases, she did not. This did not stop her.

It was Beate Klarsfeld who brought a German chancellor to a defeat in the bundestag by her public exposure of his Nazi past. It was she who publicly slapped Kurt Kiessinger in the face in front of an international assembly in the late 60s — an event which hastened his disappearance from the political world and her growth as an indefatigable Nazi hunter.

The ABC production is accurate in its depiction of Beate tracking down Klaus (Altmann) Barbie in La Paz, Bolivia. The fact that he languishes now in a prison in France is due to her exertions and her commitment.

The ABC film of the Klarsfelds is especially relevant in Canada these days as the Mulroney government receives the Deschenes Commission report on the Nazis who live among us in this country.

Palestinians, Shiites battle in Lebanon

PLO staging a comeback

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The battle for southern Lebanon goes on.

Four and a half years after Israel's invasion, this awesomesomely rugged region remains as unsettled as ever.

Israel thought it could eradicate terrorism by destroying the PLO's infrastructure there. But of late, the Palestinians who were driven out of Lebanon by Israel are coming back en masse.

They are returning to places like West Beirut, Sidon, Tyre and to refugee camps like Bourj al-Barajneh and Rashidiye. And the man who is directing the operation is none other than Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the PLO.

Arafat's principal deputy, Saleh Khalef, claims that 90% of the fighters who were forced out by Israel in the summer of 1982 have already reestablished themselves throughout Lebanon. Israel regards this claim as an exaggeration, but the frequency with which katyusha rockets are falling on the Galilee is proof that the PLO has not been defeated.

There are, however, some major differences between now and then. The Palestinians are not as powerful as they were in the pre-1982 period; they are not as unified; their armed presence in the south is being resisted.

Nevertheless, the PLO is on the ascendancy, and Israel seems hard-pressed to squelch its comeback. The one and only practical achievement of the 1982 invasion, the destruction of the PLO's Lebanese base, is in serious jeopardy of being overtaken by the rush of events.

Analysts compare today's evolving situation to the early 1970s.

In the aftermath of the Six Day War, the PLO established bases in Jordan and used them as springboards from which to attack Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley. When he finally realized that the PLO was threatening the very integrity of his kingdom, King Hussein cracked down and sent Arafat and his men packing.

The PLO found a refuge in Lebanon, and despite the deep misgivings of Lebanon's Moslem and Christian elite, eventually created a state-within-a-state.

The Palestinians went about it methodically. They turned the refugee camps into armed camps; they exploited the differences between Lebanon's various factions; they extended their control beyond the camps and, when they were good and ready, carried out raids against Israel.

The process that transformed Lebanon from a peaceful mercantile nation into a confrontation state was not long in making. By 1972, Israel was conducting heavy air and land raids against PLO positions in Lebanon. By 1981, Israel was poised for a full-fledged invasion.

Today, the PLO, despite internal bickering, is well on its way toward becoming a force to be reckoned with in southern Lebanon. In the past year, thousands of Palestinians have filtered back from camps in South Yemen, North Yemen, North Africa, the Bekaa Valley and the northern city of Tripoli. And weapons have been smuggled in or bought on the local market.

These developments have not been greeted enthusiastically by either Moslems or Christians, since both communities know that a resurgent PLO will trigger a vigorous Israeli response.

Amal, the main Shiite militia, is combatting the growing military strength of the PLO, while Druze leader Walid Jumblat has warned Arafat that he will not let the PLO recreate the conditions that triggered the 1982 war. As he put it recently: "The road to Palestine does not pass through Lebanon."

small contingent of their own soldiers and members of the Israeli-trained-and-financed South Lebanon Army.

Syria wants Israel to dismantle the zone and withdraw completely from south Lebanon. Israel has rejected that demand, and Syria has reacted by using Amal to harass the Israelis and the SLA. Clinton Bailey, a Tel Aviv University authority on the Shiites, observes: "Amal is in the peculiar situation of having to fight the Israelis in order to get Syria to keep down the Palestinians."

Strong working relationship

Another complication is the PLO's strong working relationship with the Shiite fundamentalist Party of God (Hezbollah), Amal's rival in the south.

The Party of God and the PLO have at least one thing in common: both seek to inflame Israel's northern frontier.

Israeli troops patrol Lebanese border.

Jumblat's statement is significant, for here is a man who will not allow his sympathy for the Palestinians to get in the way of his pragmatic appreciation of realities on the ground.

Nabih Berri, the head of Amal, is in theory also well disposed toward the Palestinians. But in practice, he has instructed Amal to keep a tight lid on the PLO. For more than a year now, Amal has been trying, albeit without much success, to dislodge PLO forces from refugee camps near Beirut and elsewhere. The intermittent fighting, which flared again last week, has cost the lives of hundreds of Shiites and Palestinians.

For a number of reasons, the Shiites have fared rather poorly against the Palestinians.

Amal, not as well organized as the PLO, appears to have apparently squandered its manpower advantage by maintaining a siege around Palestinian camps like Bourj al-Barajneh, Sabra, Shatila, Ain Hilwe, Mieh Mieh and Rashidiye.

Furthermore, Syria — Amal's main backer — has not been entirely cooperative. The Syrians were only too glad to help the Shiites when they were attempting to crush elements of the PLO controlled by Arafat, a figure of loathing in Damascus. But otherwise, the Shiites have been on their own.

The problem facing the Shiites becomes even more complicated when Israel is factored into the equation.

The Israelis maintain a security zone adjacent their border running from the Mediterranean Sea to the foothills of Mt. Hermon. They patrol it with a

Backed by Iran, the Islamic fundamentalist Party of God not only hopes to drive Israel out of the security zone, but to attack Israel itself.

So far, it has not mounted any such assaults, but it has dealt punishing blows to the SLA, Israel's surrogate.

Amal can look the other way as long as the security zone is the Party of God's chief target. Israel, too, can live with such attacks. But Amal fears that raids conducted against Israel proper will prompt a devastating Israeli response, the main victims of which will be Shiite farmers and villagers.

Syria's view is similar. The Syrians distinguish between raids on the security zone and raids into Israel itself. Syria, under the leadership of Hafez Assad, will not permit a ragtag movement, the Party of God, to trigger a war with Israel.

Despite these inhibting factors, the PLO is building its strength in an effort to regain its old elan. Can it do it? The question is open to endless debate. But obviously, success or failure depends on a few imponderables — Amal's resolve to contain the PLO as well as the militant Party of God, and, of course, Syria's attitude.

Israel is watching developments carefully. The Israelis will probably not repeat the mistake of invading Lebanon. But if the PLO ever reaches the point where it can regularly threaten Israeli settlements in the upper Galilee, Israel will doubtlessly increase the frequency of its military operations in Lebanon. Yet even Israel's long arm may not be enough to vanquish the PLO.

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Opinion

"People said I was crazy"

Everything coming up roses for former professor

TORONTO —

If you wanted to, you could call him the 100-million dollar man. And you wouldn't be far off the mark. Except that the industry he established produces that every year. And he doesn't even own it.

Just over 20 years, ago, Naftali Zislin was happily building his career as a professor at the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture when he chose a new field of research that would revolutionize Israeli agriculture — greenhouse cultivation of roses. At the time, people said he was crazy, but he persevered, building an important industry in the process.

He also cemented his own reputation as the world's foremost expert on rose growing. He has traveled around the world, establishing rose industries and helping rose growers. Currently in Canada, on sabbatical at the University of Guelph, he is conducting research for a French flower company that is trying to crack the North American market.

"It's ironic — the place is Canadian, the flowers are American, the money is from France, and I am from Israel," he said in a recent interview.

But what was it that drove this survivor of the Nazi siege of Leningrad and combat veteran of the Israeli War of Independence to dedicate his life to flowers?

"In the 50s, there were the huge waves of aliya to Israel. People came from all over, and they were settled in moshavs. They were hungry and poor and we tried to teach them to grow potatoes and some other things, but were unsuccessful.

"I decided to teach them to grow roses, and people said I was crazy because roses are so complicated that, for example, in Holland growers have to take 3-year course before they are allowed to grow them.

"But you know, there is a Hebrew expression, ein breira. We didn't have a choice. These people were starving."

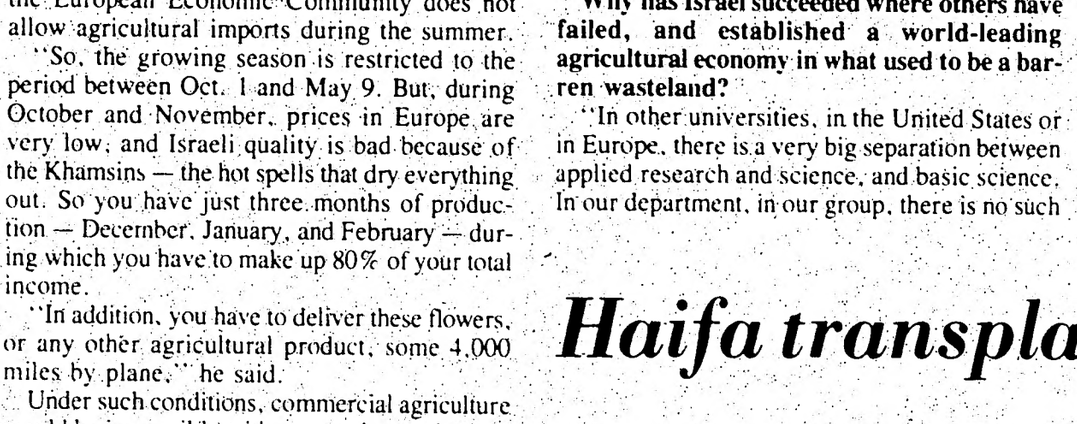
In the winter of 1963-64, Zislin started the Israeli rose industry in a remote village of recent immigrants. The growers, who had been merchants and small businessmen in India and Tunis, had a tough time, but they learned quickly, and after just a few years, became world champions in rose breeding.

"We converted the industry into an output of our research. And we achieved fantastic things. First of all, the growers made money. They made money and they improved their standard of living. They built better houses, they bought cars, they started looking for better educations for their children. I have PhD students who came from this village," he said.

According to Zislin, this success was duplicated across the country.

"During the years of the 60s and 70s, Israel became the world's third largest rose-exporting country after Holland and the United States. In 1963, when we started, Israel exported maybe $23 thousand a year of flowers. We finished this past year with $100 million a year in flower exports. That's something," he said.

According to Zislin, it was Hebrew University research that made the difference to the Israeli flower industry.



A student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem processing seedlings. Thanks to advanced research techniques, Israel is able to export U.S. $100 million of flowers on an annual basis.

"Israel is in a very difficult position for agriculture. First of all, we have no oil, and little water. In winter months, you have to heat your greenhouses, and oil is much more expensive in Israel than it is here. In addition to this, there is no market for the summer produce, because the European Economic Community does not allow agricultural imports during the summer.

"So, the growing season is restricted to the period between Oct. 1 and May 9. But, during October and November, prices in Europe are very low, and Israeli quality is bad because of the Khamsins — the hot spells that dry everything out. So you have just three months of production — December, January, and February — during which you have to make up 80% of your total income.

"In addition, you have to deliver these flowers, or any other agricultural product, some 4,000 miles by plane," he said.

Under such conditions, commercial agriculture would be impossible without an advanced scientific infrastructure. Fortunately, the Hebrew University has provided Israel with the solutions it needs.

"Eighty per cent of all the research in this field that is published around the world comes from our department," he said, adding that the Hebrew University faculty members are driven by a "force to achieve something, a higher standard of living for people in agriculture."

He said one distinguishing factor between the Hebrew University and other agricultural faculties is this involvement with the actual agricultural producers. For example, his department has developed a special breed of plant that stores its energy during the summer months, which it absorbs in the form of light, only to release it, in the form of flowers, during the winter months. This lowers energy costs, increasing the profit margins for Israeli flower-growers.

"Our research, even if it is basic research, is immediately applied in the field. The contacts between the university and the farmers are so close that there's always an open door," he said.

"It's very difficult to always have a rabbit in your hat and be constantly innovating. Our knowledge has accumulated through many years of hard work in plant engineering and a plant management to convert summer energy potential into winter production, to improve quality. At the same time we were able to increase our prices because of higher quality, we were able to cut production costs because of lower energy consumption."

The net effect, he says, is that Israeli farmers know that they can always approach the university for assistance.

For example, two years ago, a group of farmers from a moshav in the Arava (the desert region near Eilat), came to Zislin with a problem that, if left unsolved, would make it impossible for them to stay in business.

"The moshav had been producing winter vegetables, and two guys came to me and said they wanted to grow roses. I said, 'what for?' He said they were producing melons, peppers, cucumbers, that the people on the moshav were 50 years old, and they couldn't bend down any more. They weren't using any hired help . . . they were working by themselves."

Zislin told them that the Arava was too hot, that the greenhouses would reach a temperature of 50 Celsius during the day, that the soil and water were too saline, and that as a result, growing roses in the desert was basically impossible.

"But they said, 'please, we don't have another choice, it's only that. You have to make it possible.' And, a year ago, we started to grow the first semi-commercial operation, 1,000 square metres, (in Israel, one dunam). They had many troubles, and it was impossible to get help from the extension service, so I volunteered to be their extension officer, in addition to all my teaching and research, and I came there every second week. And finally, this guy, the grower, got an award at the Dutch auction for the best quality.

Why has Israel succeeded where others have failed, and established a world-leading agricultural economy in what used to be a barren wasteland?

"In other universities, in the United States or in Europe, there is a very big separation between applied research and science, and basic science. In our department, in our group, there is no such separation," he said, adding that his status in the practical business world was responsible for his current year in Guelph, as well as for recent trips to Japan and the Caribbean.

Thanks to his work at the Hebrew University, he has also served as the chairman of the International Working Group on Roses, which operates under the International Society of Horticultural Science, and done consulting work for the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Recently, at the FAO's request, he went to Barbados, Dominica, Santa Louis and Santa Lucia to see if he could apply Israeli research skills to the beleaguered economies of the Caribbean.

He spent one month there, "climbing mountains to visit remote villages, and meeting people from every level — from farmers, to professors, to government officials, to prime ministers."

His conclusion: "The conditions are so fertile that even a broomstick could grow there. But the most important thing is the human resources. And they are lacking there.

"In Israel, with all the problems we have, we have succeeded. Our production per unit of water is the highest in the world. But in the Caribbean, everything can grow, and the difference in the enthusiam of the people is great.

"At the Hebrew University, on the other hand, all of the senior staff, internationally-known experts, are working until 10 at night, without any additional payment, just because they have to do it."

In other words, he said, the remarkably close cooperation that has emerged between Israeli agriculture, the Israeli agricultural extension program, and Israeli farmers, which emerged for pragmatic reasons, is not easily transportable. You have to want to work hard, you have to be in a position where you have no choice.

Naftali Zislin

Haifa transplant facility a godsend to liver patients

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

Medical science in Israel took a giant step forward with the decision to establish a liver transplant centre here in Haifa at the Rambam Hospital, backed up by the laboratories of the Technion Medical School, where work is being done on the development of new technology and its clinical application. (Two transplants have already been performed, but the patients died).

Ministry of health approval of the Haifa location was preceded by many months of intense competition from hospitals in other parts of the country which lobbied vigorously for permission to open the new facility within their precincts. The costs involved, and the need for highly skilled personnel made it obvious that Israel could afford only one such centre.

The two major competitors were the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, and the Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva, but the decision was finally made in favor of Rambam, perhaps for three reasons.

One was the presence on its staff of Dr. Igal Kam, Israel's only experienced liver transplant surgeon. A native of Haifa, the 40-year-old Dr. Kam has for the past several years been working at the Pittsburgh Medical Center, where human liver transplants were pioneered. During that period he took part in several hundred operations, many of them on Israeli patients who had come to Pittsburgh for new livers. The second reason was the close relationship between Rambam and the Technion School of Medicine, which has pioneered in the partnership of technology with medicine.

The third was very likely the generous decision of the Pittsburgh Jewish community, through the local chapter of the American Technion Society, to raise $500,000 to equip the centre and to provide the funds required for the multidisciplinary research which is so necessary to assure the constant and progressive development of the unit.

There is no doubt that the new facility will be a godsend to many dozens of Israelis who are in need of such transplants every year, and cannot afford the expense of going to Pittsburgh, where local costs are also higher.

The public battle for ministry of health approval cast some illumination on the fierce competition which exists among Israel's hospitals in many other areas as well. Each of the major hospitals is much concerned by its public image, and constantly seeks to publicize its achievements and its needs. One obvious reason for this is to stimulate greater contributions from its friends and supporters. Another is to encourage more patients to utilize its services, since the grants of public funds for hospital maintenance are based on the number of beds times the number of days they are occupied.

Theoretically, each hospital is assigned an area which it is supposed to serve, but a high official in the medical establishment assured us that the area assignments are widely violated in the effort to increase occupancy.

The major hospitals of the country fall into two categories — those operated directly by the ministry of health, and those operated by the Histadrut health fund, Kupat Cholim. Major government hospitals are Tel Hashomer, Rambam, and the Wolfson Hospital in Holon. Principal Kupat Cholim institutions are Beilinson, Kfar Saba, Carmel Hospital in Haifa, and the newest addition, Shaarei Zedek in Jerusalem. The Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem is in a class by itself.

During the war in Lebanon the Rambam Hospital received considerable publicity because most of the casualties were flown directly from the battlefields to its helicopter pad in Haifa.

The competition does not extend to staff, and there is little attempt to "raid" the respective institutions, since the salary scales are all fixed by national agreement and are all the same.

Kidney transplants are now fairly commonplace here, being carried out at all major hospitals. Beilinson is the leader, and this was emphasized in its bid for the liver transplant rights.

Is the intense competition based only on the desire to justify and enlarge the allocations to their budgets, in the one case from government sources, and in the other, from the Histadrut? An eminent medical man was quite frank with us in advancing another reason. "Prestige — ego," he said simply. Each hospital administrator, each department head, is eager to be known. The basic elements of human pride and ambition play a major role, he said. After all, they're human, like all of us.

If we consider the classical Hebrew adage, that envy among scholars will result in increase of wisdom (kinat sofrim tarbeh chochma) perhaps this kind of competition helps to advance medical science in Israel to the heights for which it is already known.

Opinion

Regards the Arabs as potential allies

Rajiv Gandhi maintains India's pro-Arab stance

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Not long after Rajiv Gandhi succeeded his slain mother as India's prime minister, Kenneth Bialkin, then chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish American Organizations, addressed an open letter to him, asking Gandhi to change his nation's "policy and attitude" toward Israel.

Bialkin's plea, made nearly two years ago, has had no visible effect on Gandhi, who became Indian head of state following the assassination of his mother, Indira.

India remains pretty much cool to Israel, and Rajiv Gandhi shows no apparent interest in changing India's traditional policy. In an interview with the French daily Le Monde last year, Gandhi was asked if he would establish formal relations with Israel "one day." He replied: "Yes, if Israel changes its attitude on a certain number of subjects." Pressed to explain, he added: "For the moment, we think that they are very bellicose and that they do not realize the problems that are posed."

Soon after that, at a banquet in his honor in Cairo, Gandhi elaborated: "We support the struggle of the Palestinian people led by the PLO as their sole, legitimate representative." Israel, he declared, "must withdraw from all occupied Arab lands" and must not deny the Palestinians "a homeland of their own."

Rajiv Gandhi is relatively new on the job, but the principles he has enunciated are not. Indira Gandhi was consistently pro-Arab, as was her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, the architect of India's foreign policy.

India formally recognized Israel in 1950 but has yet to establish proper diplomatic relations with the Jewish state. India identifies fully with the Arab/Palestinian cause and votes against Israel at the United Nations. India has on occasion denied Israeli citizens permission to enter the country.

India's views were shaped even before Israel's emergence. Indian nationalist leaders equated Zionism with Western colonialism, and no less a revered figure than Mahatma Gandhi wished the Palestinian Arabs "complete success in the attainment of their objectives."

Rajiv Gandhi (centre) is following his mother's policy toward Israel. Indira Gandhi, his predecessor, is on the left.

Broke commitment to establish relations

In 1947, when the United Nations debated the Palestine question, India called for an independent Palestinian state, with wide autonomy for Jews. India came out against the Nov. 29, 1947 Palestine partition plan, and voted with the Arabs in their unsuccessful bid to block Israel's admission into the United Nations.

In September of 1950, India recognized Israel's existence. Two years later, India pledged to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel, but did not fulfill its commitment. The Indians permitted the Israelis to set up a consulate in Bombay, but not in the capital of New Delhi. India, for its part, has never sent diplomats to Israel.

In sharp contrast, India allows an Arab League office to function in New Delhi. And in 1980, India granted full diplomatic status to the PLO.

India's one-sided position toward the Arab-Israeli dispute is a function of several factors

Jawaharlal Nehru

— the presence of 80 million Moslems in India; the need for Arab support in its continual conflict with Moslem Pakistan; the partial dependence on Arab oil; the employment of several hundred thousand Indian workers in the Arab world; the prospect of Arab construction contracts; the neutrality of its foreign policy.

Moslems, who form about 11% of India's population of some 750 million, constitute a force that no Indian government can ignore. And since India is a functioning democracy, Indian politicians naturally cultivate the Moslem bloc, even though Moslems have a "generally low-key and temperate public approach" to the Middle East, observes Richard Kozincki, a University of California specialist in Indian politics.

India, having fought three wars with Pakistan, regards the Arabs as potential allies. But to India's chagrin, the Arab world has not always come through. Indeed, the Arabs are usually divided over Indo-Pakistan issues.

During the 1970s, India's bill for imported oil increased 42 times. Athough India has intensified its search for oil, even optimists concede that it can meet no more than 70% of its requirements by the late 1980s. According to Kozincki, Arab suppliers in the Middle East will "remain critically important" for India in the forseesable future.

As of a few years ago, some 500,000 Indians were gainfully employed throughout the Arab world. The remittances of these workers (152,000 in the United Arab Emirates, 120,000 in Saudi Arabia, 65,000 in Kuwait and 60,000 in Oman) amounted to over $2 billion at last count, no piddling sum.

India, in an attempt to reduce its trade imbalance with a few key Arab partners, has secured an increasing number of major construction contracts for airports, hospitals, and housing, particularly in the Persian Gulf area.

In the mid-1950s, India became a leading member of the non-aligned movement as Nehru formed a close friendship with one of its leaders, Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt. Nehru paid tribute to Nasser's "wise leadership," praising his role in the "resurgence of Arab nationalism," applauding his opposition to the U.S.-sponsored Baghdad Pact (later CENTO), defending his nationalization of the Suez Canal Company, and denouncing Israel, France and Britain for the 1956 invasion of Egypt.

Nehru's daughter, Indira, cultivated her father's relationship with Nasser. When Nasser, in 1967, closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping, India accepted the provocation. On June 6, after the outbreak of the Six Day War, Mrs. Gandhi said that "there can be no doubt that Israel has escalated the situation... into a fullscale war."

During the Yom Kippur War, India charged that "Israeli intransigence" had caused the hostilities. India, saying its "sympathies were entirely with the Arabs," sent medical supplies to both Egypt and Syria.

India roundly condemned the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Israel's consul in Bombay was declared persona non grata in July of that year when he told an Indian journalist that there was a strong "Arab-Moslem lobby" in New Delhi and that Arab ambassadors were using Indian Moslems to bring "pressure" to bear on the Indian government.

Mrs. Gandhi, as chairperson of the non-aligned movement, repeatedly criticized Israel. And a year before her untimely death, she barred Israeli athletes from participating in the Asian Games, held in India.

But India's dim view of Israel never affected Indian Jewry, which is well-integrated and respected.

The Jewish community has grown much smaller in the past 30 years and, ironically, the vast majority of Indian Jews have immigrated to Israel.

Holiday has a purpose

Chanukah candles aren't neutral

By
ELAINE KAHN

As of this writing, a decision is pending as to whether York Region will allow the Markham branch of Chabad Lubavitch to erect a 10-foot-high menorah for Chanukah in a prominent Thornhill location. Undoubtedly the decision will be to allow the menorah, as similar menorot have been allowed in other municipalities.

Leave aside for now the question of why this is never a move sponsored by the community as a whole, but by Lubavitch on its own. This then allows one to ignore the question of why women are not part of the ceremony around these menorot.

Let's go straight to the remarkable quote in the Toronto Star by the Lubavitch rabbi who is pressing for the Thornhill menorah: "The menorah can surely be equated to the Christmas tree, already present in many locations throughout the city, as a very neutral religious symbol."

I've spent many long conversations trying to teach people that Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. I'm not helped any by being told a menorah can be equated with a Christmas tree.

Worse, though, is the rabbi's statement that Christmas trees and menorot are neutral religious symbols — I have more trouble than this rabbi apparently has putting "neutral" and "religious" side by side without having them cancel each other out.

If they are religious symbols, then one would expect Jews to have menorot and Christians to have trees. If they are neutral, we can then safely suppose it doesn't matter what you have in your house — perhaps even the good rabbi will find himself moved to purchase a neutral Christmas tree this year. I guess stranger things have happened. I even know a store in Toronto where he could buy lacquered bagels for ornaments.

I've always known Jews who have Christmas trees in their homes — the ones I knew in past, I was taught to look down on, and the ones I know today disturb me profoundly.

"The trees are so pretty," they tell me, by way of explanation. I agree, I say, but so are the succot you do not erect and decorate and so are the flowers you do not buy for Shabbat and so are the spicebox and candle for havdalah.

"I suffered as a child because we did not have a tree and my children will not be allowed to suffer also," they go on. I "suffered" too, I tell them, to the point of, as an adolescent, drawing a "Chanukah bush" on cardboard and putting it by the fireplace. But my children will not suffer and not because they have a tree, but because they are such happy secure knowledgeable little Jewish people. If that doesn't last, I will, of course, suffer.

"But the trees are so neutral," they argue further. I used to think I had them on that point — but then again, I lack rabbinic training.

I have not, however, ever known any Christians who buy and light neutral Chanukah candles.

The whole point of Chanukah, I've been taught, is to celebrate the victory of one group of Jews against those, even of their own people, who wanted them to blend away into the majority culture and religion. That is the commitment we bring to the Chanukah candles, even if we have just watched Miracle on 34th Street for the 35th time or are salivating for chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

It's definite, not neutral, and I don't believe it can be done beside a tinseled tree, even if the bagels are fresh.

Opinion

How could Jerusalem refuse its friend's request?

The difficulty in being the State of Israel

By
J. B. SALSBERG

It used to be said that when the U.S. gets a cold Canada sneezes. In the same vein it can be said that when Washington develops a headache Jerusalem reaches for the headache pills. That is precisely what is happening now.

What happened in Washington during the last week or two is, of course, the prime news in the world. When reduced to its essentials the present political crisis in Washington is living proof of the correctness of our sages' dictum that a transgression (aveireh) causes another transgression; or, as they say in English, if you tell a lie you may have to invent two other lies to cover the first one.

J. B. Salsberg

To bypass the strict U.S. Houses of Congress, which tried to harness President Reagan's passion for all-out aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, the White House seems to have resorted to devious methods of maintaining that help by passing the established U.S. Congress watchdog committees. That's bad enough. But the "crime" becomes greater when it is linked to another, equally improper action of the White House.

Accepting the best interpretation of the "affair," it seems that in order to help attain the release of American hostages in Arab lands and to improve relationships with Khomeini's Iran the White House again bypassed the established U.S. procedural process and secretly undertook to deliver arms to Iran, the present U.S. enemy, to be used in Iran's bloody war with Iraq, a "friend" of the U.S. In this covert, illegal operation the U.S. directly delivered "only a small quantity" of arms to Teheran but it asked a loyal friend, Israel (and other countries) to help the White House to get the release of its hostages by making larger deliveries of arms to Iran.

It was presented as both a humanitarian act and also as a political "toyveh" (a favor). How could Jerusalem refuse such a plea? After all, Israel is obliged to ask toyves from Washington often enough . . . And that's how, when the whole messy White House operation blew its lid, that Israel became involved in the affair.

But that's not all: The unelected Reagan advisors and behind-the-scene "machers" saw the opportunity for a grand slam. They had the profits of the illegal arms sale to Iran deposited in a secret Swiss bank account and then had those millions transferred to the Contras. Israel was, of course, neither consulted, nor informed of the "money laundering" process.

The result so far? The Reagan administration is shaken to its roots. Big shots of Reagan's staff are being fired and the Congress and Senate are about to commence a series of open hearings and investigations. As they say — you ain't heard nothing yet. . .

But what about Israel? First: will it hurt Israel's position in Washington? I don't think that it should or will. I accept Peres' explanation to the Knesset. Nor has anything emerged in the U.S. media to question the essential aspects of Peres' report to the Knesset. But:

In Israel the affair will, of course, be discussed endlessly, debated and disputed. That is the way it should be. Israel's much vaunted declarations of its dedication to our ancient moral and ethical codes call for honest public appraisal of this latest affair. But I am, at this moment, primarily concerned with the Diaspora reaction to Israel's position in the current Washington political storm.

The news was no sooner heard than I was asked, by phone, on the street, on elevators, at meetings and even in my underground parking area, to "explain Israel's role in the whole affair."

Well, my dear and trusting friends, I may not be able to "explain it all" but I may be able to offer some advice. Here it is:

First. Keep up your search for the truth of the affair, insofar as it concerns Israel, because it expresses not only your concern for Israel but, and more important, your desire and wish that Israel emerge unblemished. It is, basically, a reflection of your wishes that Israel be, and appear to be, righteous, moral and ethical at all times. Otherwise the image of Israel would be alarmingly diminished. That mustn't happen.

Second. To the purists I wish to recall what Moshe Dayan said at a critical moment in the Yom Kippur war. Dayan was asked why he didn't criticize certain statements from Washington. His reply was: If you have one friend and that friend sends you warm clothing for your freezing soldiers on the Golan mountains and, when the boxes are rushed, unopened, from the plane to the cold trenches of the Golan then you delay complaints for another day. Understand?

When Hitler launched his surprise attack against the Soviet Union the then Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, stated: Let them bash each other's head. But when Churchill was asked for a statement he said: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

Understand? Please do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WE'RE MONTREAL'S BRIGHT SPOT

I'd like to tell you of the brightest aspect of a trip I took a few years ago to Montreal.

As an American, I can only say I found it an utterly abject town.

Its downtown area is now equal to the sordid honkytonk atmosphere of Times Square in New York City.

I was bored stiff. The only good thing that came from my motor trip was my discovery of The CJN on a newspaper rack in the hotel area.

Since then, I have become an avid subscriber, passionately devouring every article in each issue.

It's a refreshing respite from the repetitious news we get in the U.S.

Sam Leon
Haverhill, Mass.

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LAUREL TO MONTREAL HOSPITAL

I would like to bestow a laurel "extraordinaire" on the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital in Montreal's suburban Laval.

The conduct of the entire staff during my 41 days' stay was exemplary and admirable.

What I experienced in that hospital taught me that, even during a period of seemingly never ending budget cuts, it is possible to make a hospital function within its government-imposed budget, provided it is run in an efficient manner.

My heartfelt thanks go out, via your newspaper, to everybody employed by the JRH from the director-general and the doctors to the blue-collar workers.

Gerry G. Hamburg
Montreal

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CLARIFIES SLAVE LABOR CLAIMS

Re Ron Csillag's Oct. 30 article headed "Dec. 31 is the deadline for restitution claims":

He wrote that the United Restitution Organization (URO) in Toronto and Montreal is reminding former slave laborers who worked in the factories of Flick-Dynamit-Nobel during World War II had until Dec. 31 to file compensation claims.

Earlier this year, he noted, the giant Flick conglomerate, now known as Feldmuble Nobel A-G, was taken over by the Deutsche Bank, which made available a lump sum fund of 5 million deutschmarks to be used as compensation for slave labor.

Csillag differentiated between claims to the Hardship Fund, and claims connected with deterioration of health for those who receive pensions for health damage.

He writes, quite rightly, that there is no deadline on the submission of claims to the Hardship Fund (slave labor in Russia), nor is there one on claims connected with health damages.

The only deadline, i.e., Dec. 31, 1986, applies to the Flick claims, and only these claims should be sent to the Compensation Treuhand G.m.b.H., Grueneburgweg 119, 6000 Frankfurt/Main.

The Hardship Fund claims have to be sent to the Claims Conference — Hardship Fund, and the health connected claims to the indemnification office, which handled the claim in the first place.

It is advisable for claimants to contact the URO office in Montreal (514) 844-2821, or in Toronto, (416) 630-2920.

J. Stahr
Director
United Restitution
Organization for Canada
Montreal

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RABBI SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

I write with reference to your Oct. 16 article, "Beth Tefilah acquires first new Sefer Torah." As rabbi of Congregation Beth Tefilah in London, Ont., I planned and enjoyed this celebration, together with my congregants and our sofer, Rabbi Fleisher.

While women may participate in the mitzvah of writing a Torah, this participation consists of purchasing a letter (or letters) and commissioning the sofer to write the Torah scroll.

According to Orthodox Jewish practice, a kosher Torah scroll which may be read from publicly in the synagogue must be written by a Jewish man above the age of 13.

In Beth Tefilah's case, the actual writing at the completion ceremony was performed exclusively by Rabbi Fleisher and his assistant, Rabbi Sholom Adler, both of Toronto.

Thank you for setting the record straight on this matter.

Rabbi Shalom Kurz
London, Ont.

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SEEKS CANADIAN COUSIN

I am seeking a cousin named Irvin Appleby or Applebee who immigrated to Canada some 40 years ago from Liverpool, England.

The names of his parents (my uncle and aunt) were Alf and Betty Appleby or Applebee.

It would be wonderful to contact my cousin after these many years.

Ivor Appleton,
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TAKE A BOW, LADIES

Recently I attended a wonderful conference on women and politics sponsored by the Committee for 94 (a non-partisan group working towards equal representation of women in Parliament by 1994).

One popular panel consisted of Michelle Landsberg, columnist for the Globe and Mail; Chaviva Hosek, former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and Sylvia Dashevkin, author of Towing the Lines (a survey and history of women's involvement in Canadian politics).

These three Jewish women were offering insight and leadership to a wide general audience on the subject, "Can you be a feminist in politics?"

Our community should be proud of these women and others like them.

Arlene Perly Rae
Toronto

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KUDOS TO GASNER

To be honored by one's community and peers is indeed a humbling occasion. The Nov. 6 article about me and the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada has enhanced this honor.

I wish to thank Cynthia Gasner for her thoughtful and thorough interview.

Helen Marr
Toronto

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IT WAS MELDOLA

In the Nov. 6 edition of the paper, you have an article about the National Council of Jewish Women establishing an award for leadership.

I wish to correct a glaring mistake in the first sentence: "In 1897, Meldola de Sola, the wife of . . . a rabbi. . . ."

The name of the rabbi was Meldola. He was named after his greatgrandfather, Raphael Meldola, who was a famous Sephardic scholar in London.

Mrs. Meldola de Sola's name was Katherine (Katie).

Rachel A. Esar
Montreal

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CRITICIZES THEATRE CRITIC

I would like to criticize your theatre critic, Frank Rasky, about his review of *The Diary Of Anne Frank* at the Young Peoples' Theatre.

Unlike him, I found Joanna Schellenberg, the actress who plays Anne Frank, excellent! She has a great future as an actress.

As for the play, I found it stirring and inspirational.

As I lost most of my family in the Holocaust, I found myself weeping during the last half of the play.

Susan Judith Bartenstein
Toronto

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JEWISH "LUBITSCH TOUCH"

For a school essay, I would appreciate any information you might have about the Jewish Hollywood director, Ernst Lubitsch. He was Jewish, wasn't he?

Sally Louis
Toronto

Editor's note: Yes, he was. He was also noted for the "Lubitsch touch" which the German-born film director imparted to sophisticated comedies after he emigrated to Hollywood in 1923. His best known films include Ninotchka and The Merry Widow (both produced in 1939), The Shop Around The Corner (1940) and Heaven Can Wait (1943).

Ernst Lubitsch, German-born Jewish director of sophisticated comedies bearing the "Lubitsch touch," is seen here with Jewish silent film star Pola Negri (who was actually born Goodman in Brooklyn.

World-National

Involvement in terrorism unacceptable

Clark: Canada has "firm message" for Syria

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —
External Affairs Minister Joe Clark strongly hinted that Canada will soon be returning its ambassador to Syria in a speech at the 12th annual policy conference of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Clark said that when the ambassador goes back he will carry a "very firm message" that Canada considers it unacceptable for Syrian authorities to be involved in or to support international terrorism. When questioned, Clark would not specify the expected date the ambassador would return.

Ottawa recalled Ambassador Jacques Noiseux from Damascus for consultations Oct. 24 after Britain broke diplomatic relations with Syria when it found evidence of official Syrian complicity in the attempted bombing of an El Al plane in London.

Clark said Canada will continue to look for means of curbing terrorism through all bilateral and multilateral means that "enlarge the net" of international action.

He said this was the intent of the Canadian proposal adopted at the International Civil Aviation Organization general assembly this fall which requires member states to prosecute or extradite perpetrators of terrorist acts at airports.

It was New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent who revealed at the conference that Clark is due to shortly give a report to Parliament on the "most up-to-date" information about the attempted bombing from "European sources" and the ambassador.

"If Syria is truly a renegade state, we should break off our relationship with it. But we have not yet had sufficient evidence," said Broadbent.

Canada opened an embassy in Damascus only last year after closing its mission in Beirut.

There was little other news in Clark's address, even though it was his first public meeting with the Jewish community since his Middle East visit last April.

He reiterated the Canadian policy that a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must recognize "the legitimate rights" of both sides: secure borders for Israel and a homeland for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Canada supports any peace initiatives which will "move confrontation to negotiation," he said. This country itself will continue to play a peacekeeping role in the Middle East, he added.

He emphasized Canada's desire to continue to strengthen its commercial, cultural and other ties with Israel, and the traditional friendship between the two countries based, he said, on the value each places on democracy.

Joint assistance projects in the Third World are one area of cooperation between Canada and Israel which should be considered for expansion, Clark said. The sub-Sahara region of Africa was cited by Clark as a possibility.

At a later session with senior officials of the external affairs department, Marc Brault, an assistant deputy minister responsible for the Middle East and Africa, elaborated on this proposal. While in Israel in April, Clark discussed the idea of the Jewish state using its expertise to set up educational programs for Africans in dryland farming.

Brault said Canada is prepared to pay to send Africans from the sub-Sahara to Israel for such programs, or to financially help Israel establish the programs in that part of the continent. He added that similar "triangular relationships" exist between Israel, Canada (through the Canadian International Development Agency) and countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Another of the department officials, Michael Bell, director of the Middle East desk, attempted to clarify Canada's policy on the admission to Canada of Palestine Liberation Organization members.

Some delegates to the conference were disturbed by the fact that Fathi Arafat, head of the Palestinian Red Crescent and brother of the PLO leader Yasser Arafat, was admitted to Canada last month for a speaking tour to raise funds for Red Crescent hospital in Shatila.

House of Commons Speaker John Fraser shakes hands with Abba Eban as Canada-Israel Committee president Sidney Spivak looks on. [Howard Kay photo]

Bell said that each time a PLO member applies for a visa to Canada to speak to groups here, the government takes into account two factors: the principle of freedom of speech and whether the individual has or is suspected of having been "associated with terrorist events." The latter are as a matter of course denied entry, he said.

"Successive governments, Conservative and Liberal, have taken the view that if (the PLO member) has come to Canada to discuss ideas like a Palestinian state or rights, he should not be prohibited," said Bell. This was the principle applied in allowing Arafat to enter the country.

Bell added that the decision on whether to admit a PLO member is ultimately made at the ministerial level. "I realize that to you being a member of the PLO is ipso facto being associated with terrorism."

He acknowledged "it's a judgment call each time; it's never black and white. . . it's not perfect."

Clark told Canadian Jewish Congress recently that the admission of two PLO repesentatives to the International Civil Aviation Organization general assembly in Montreal this September was within the "circumstances when entry will be granted." CJC had objected to the presence of the PLO at ICAO.

Clark replied: "I wish to assure you that the government closely examines all such requests for entry to Canada and that every care is taken to protect Canadian interests."

The position of the CIC, stated in briefing notes to delegates, is that Canada should "sever all ties with the PLO, one of the foremost practioners of terror, and prohibit entry of its spokemen into this country."

Clark avoided any direct comment on the controversy over U.S. arms sales to Iran, but stated that Canada "as a matter of policy does not supply arms to Iran." Canada supports an immediate ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, believing that its continuation "threatens the stability of the entire region."

For the first time this year, Clark noted, the balance of trade between Canada and Israel has tipped in Israel's favor. Up to August, Israeli exports to Canada totaled $95 million, while Canadian exports for the same period came to $70 million. Canada would like to explore more joint ventures with Israel in the field of high technology, in the form of both mutual investment and the exchange of knowledge, he said.

Clark devoted a significant part of his address to the issue of the rights of Soviet Jewry. He reaffirmed his position that Canada will continue to make it clear to the Soviet Union that "if it does not improve its human rights record, its relations with Canada will inevitably be damaged."

Clark also said he is disappointed the Soviet's newly announced emigration decree contains no reference to the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

At another conference session, CBC television's chief political correspondent David Halton said there is a sense in Ottawa that Canada is only a "marginal player" in the Middle East, and the controversy a stronger role might arouse would not be offset by a "clear political pay off."

UIA refutes funding claim

United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. has taken exception to a Nov. 27 CJN story stating that there may be a confrontation between UIA and the Canadian Reform movement "over the inequitable funding of non-Orthodox institutions and projects in Israel by the Jewish Agency . . ."

"These kinds of published statements are really facile and do not indicate a real knowledge of either the UIA's or the Jewish Agency's process for allocation," says Allan Offman, former president and now deputy chairman of the board of UIA.

"We do not and cannot (because of Canadian law) support religious institutions in Israel," Offman told The CJN.

"We do support students or young people in need through bursaries and scholarships. The fact that many, if not most of these people are from North African, Middle Eastern and Ethiopian backgrounds, and as a result are Orthodox, is coincidental to the demographics of Israel — that is, urban poor come from this background."

"Simply put," said Offman, "there are very few members of the Reform movement in Israel who have a serious social or economic problem."

It would have been more appropriate, said Offman, had The CJN written "alleged inequitable funding."

The story, in which the contentious phrase appeared, covered a meeting of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations in Montreal.

Attewell to head Soviet Jewry MPs

OTTAWA —
William Attewell has been elected chairman of the all-party Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry by the group's executive committee.

Attewell said in a press release that he raised the Soviet Jewry issue — as well as other human rights issues — in an address last week before the United Nations' Human Rights Committee.

The Conservative member for the Toronto riding of Don Valley East succeeds David Kilgour, Conservative member for Edmonton Strathcona, who was chairman since 1984.

Ex-speaker of the House of Commons John Bosley (Conservative, Don Valley West) is rejoining the executive. New steering committee members are Guy Ricard (Conservative, Laval), Sheila Finestone (Liberal, Mount Royal) and Nelson Riis (New Democrat, Kamloops-Shuswap).

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House of Commons Speaker John Fraser (left), Abba Eban and cabinet minister Barbara McDougall at CIC parliamentary dinner. [Howard Kay photo]

Eban: Loyalty to U.S. prompted arms sales

Committee to ensure partnership's viability, standing in world opinion

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Israel acted solely out of a sense of debt to a friend when it became involved in the United States' sale of arms to Iran, and not because it has any interest in reinforcing the Khomeini regime, Abba Eban said at the annual Canada-Israel Committee parliamentary dinner.

"Never in the long years of our dispersion has there been a regime as hostile to us as that of Khomeini," said Eban, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee.

An Iranian victory in the Gulf War would be a "triumph for Islamic fundamentalism" which would spread to neighboring Arab states perhaps as far away as Egypt, and Israel would no doubt suffer. On the other hand, Iraq has played a "marginal part" in the wars against Israel, he said. The fact is, Eban added, "we hope neither of them loses."

Eban said Israel became involved in the arms deal upon the request of the U.S. which was seeking the release of hostages in Iran. The Israeli government viewed compliance in the scheme as a "humanitarian" gesture that it could not refuse to a country which has given Israel such massive financial, defence and moral support, he said. It was also recognized that the days of the Khomeini regime will, one way or another, soon be numbered.

Eban defended the Israeli decision as a "virtuous action." Nevertheless, he did not minimize the turmoil Israel has been thrown into over the controversy. "There is cause for deep reflection in Israel," which will result in an examination of its decision-making process.

He indicated that the arms matter should have been brought before the Knesset for consideration. "Without this balancing, critical function, there is a tendency for executive power to run amok . . . When a single hierarchical group makes a decision, the danger is great."

Eban said he has asked the foreign affairs and defence committee to find out exactly what happened. "The aim is to ensure that Israel's partnership with the U.S. and its standing in world opinion have not been damaged.

Some 900 persons attended the dinner, one of the largest crowds ever. They included representatives of Jewish communities from across Canada, and members of Parliament and senators from all parties.

Representing their respective parties at the head table were Barbara McDougall, minister of state for privatization and the status of women; the Liberals' Herb Gray and Howard McCurdy of the NDP.

An Israeli journalist participating in a panel discussion earlier at the CIC conference offered quite a different perspective on Israel's part in the American sale of arms to Iran. Shimon Shiffer, Israel Radio's Washington bureau chief, said he had been onto the story for over a year, while he was still in Israel.

Since the late 1950s, Shiffer said Israel has had a policy of trying to create special ties with Iran, as well as Turkey and Ethiopia, in order to have allies in the region. After the Islamic revolution, he said Israel maintained "secret channels" in Iran and continued to sell arms to that country, as it had during the days of the Shah.

"This was one of the most sensitive issues between the U.S. and Israel, especially after the hostage affair...The U.S. did not accept Israel's policy and tried to convince it to stop the arms sales. However, last year the National Security Council and Pentagon were trying to convince Reagan that the policy was in the interest of the U.S."

Shiffer described Israeli policy on Iran as being based on a combination of strategic interests and concern for the Jewish community there.

Two "well-known Israeli businessmen" were the ones to first approach Prime Minister Shimon Peres with the idea of helping the U.S. obtain the release of its hostages through the sale of arms to Iran, said Shiffer.

"It worked at first. One U.S. hostage was released after the first sale. When the U.S. then tried to do the whole thing their way, the deal failed."

Shiffer believes the Iranians leaked the story for "sweet revenge" against the U.S., even though six years have passed since the showdown with the Carter administration. "Iran wants to show the world that because the Americans are doing it, the green light has been given for everybody to sell arms to us."

Meanwhile, the CIC distributed a position paper at the conference critical of Canada's sale of helicopter engines to Iran because they might be used in military helicopters in the Iraq-Iran war. "(This) demonstrates the need for the tightening of Canadian arms export regulations."

According to the CIC, "Canada should not take the risk of contributing to the tension and instability which already exist in (the Middle East).

The sale of offensive military goods to Arab countries which consider themselves at war with Israel would be contrary to our support for Israel's security and to our own national interest in the maintenance of stability and of pro-Western governments in that region."

But Jews await increased emigration

New Soviet style impresses

MONTREAL —

Members of the Canadian Jewish community returning from the Helsinki accords review conference taking place in Vienna are encouraged by the change in style and attitude of Soviet officials.

"The Soviets appear to have adopted a Western public relations strategy. They are making a concerted effort to be accessible and reasonable. They are offering calm, encouraging words. There was not one moment when they were not in complete control," said Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

She had a 1-hour meeting with Vladimir Morisov, a Soviet deputy minister, whom Stern described as "forthcoming and positive." He accepted letters from four mothers of Refuseniks who have been separated from their children for periods of from 12 to 14 years.

Stern also presented Morisov with a list of Refuseniks which he said he would compare with his government's list, said Stern, who spent almost two weeks in Vienna.

"Unlike at the Geneva summit just over a year ago, the Soviets in Vienna were prepared to answer any questions on Jewish emigration," she said. In the past, the Soviets have generally labeled such questions interference with their internal affairs.

However, Stern feels the real test of Soviet intentions will be the release of longstanding Refuseniks. "They cannot continue with style alone much longer."

Making his first foray into an international gathering of this kind was Montreal doctor Gerald Batist, who has been campaigning for the release of five Soviet Jewish cancer patients. At Vienna, the head of the Soviet delegation of Yuri Kashlev, announced that one of them, 32-year-old Rimma Bravve, will be permitted to join her mother and sister in the United States.

Batist is now arranging for Bravve's medical treatment in Rochester, NY, although he did not not know last week exactly when Bravve would leave Moscow. He assumes her husband Vladimir will be allowed to come to the U.S. with her.

"I expect, or at least hope, the others will be released shortly," said Batist, who held a press conference in Vienna where Rimma's mother Chana Anbinder and other relatives of the cancer patients made a plea for their release. The others are Benjamin Chorney, Inna Meiman and Leah Marayasin.

The fifth, Tanya Bogomolny, left the Soviet Union in October with her husband Benjamin, and they have now rejoined her father in San Francisco.

Batist calls the Soviets' action on these cancer patients' requests a "litmus test" for the direction of the Jewish emigration policy. "The release of these patients is the most immediate, concrete expression the Soviets can make in terms of a good-will gesture. I think they realize serious damage would be done to their image if anything happened to these patients."

McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, who was in Moscow for the first week of the conference, also was struck by "clear changes of style" among the Soviets at Vienna in that they were prepared to deal openly with human rights issues. Cotler made representations in Vienna to Soviet officials on behalf of Ida Nudel, who has been waiting 14 years to emigrate to Israel and is now said to be in failing health.

"When I brought up Ida Nudel they knew who she was and were familiar with her case," Cotler said. "This was a change because when I brought up the case 18 months ago with the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa, he claimed he didn't know anything about it."

Cotler, chairman of the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, said, like Stern, that style cannot be a substitute for an increase in Jewish emigration.

Stern was heartened by an address by the head of the Canadian delegation, Ambassador William Bauer, to the Vienna meeting. In a thinly veiled reference to the Soviet Union, Bauer questioned the sincerity of a signatory state which "continues to keep in jails or labor camps or psychiatric hospitals those Helsinki monitors or rabbis or Baptists whose only offence was to think that we all meant to live up to our undertakings under Principle Seven (of the Helsinki Final Act), and that they could exercise those rights and freedoms."

Churches condemn Ross' distortions

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON, NB —

A number of churches in the Edmunston area of New Brunswick last week passed a resolution expressing anger at distortions of Christian theology by Malcolm Ross, a junior high school teacher in Moncton who has written and published anti-Jewish books.

According to Rev. Jim Leland, a United Church minister, the resolution by churches in the Woolastook presbytery expressed sadness at the misunderstanding of the Gospel displayed by Ross and affirmed their unity with members of the New Brunswick Jewish community.

The churches were reacting to a letter by Ross published in the Miramichi Leader. In it, Ross stated there is a Jewish plot to undermine Western civilization and Christianity.

Repeating many of the same views taught by convicted hatemonger Jim Keegstra, Ross castigated "Jewish-controlled international finance and now a Jewish-dominated Christianity where every evangelist who appears on our television spews out the same old line: 'the Jews are God's chosen people so we must support them no matter what they do.' "

Ross has been investigated by the New Brunswick public prosecutor's office following complaints by Julius Israeli, a retired chemistry professor. Israeli objected to the publication by Ross of the anti-Jewish books *Web of Deceit*, *The Real Holocaust* and *The Battle for Truth*.

Following a lengthy investigation, Justice Minister David Clark declined to prosecute under the Criminal Code hate law provisions (used against Keegstra), saying the books were either unavailable or were borderline cases.

Following publication of the Ross letter in the weekly Miramichi Leader, Israeli issued a new complaint to the director of public prosecutions, who wrote to Israeli indicating his complaint should be forwarded to the local police.

Robert Murray, director of public prosecutions, told The CJN in a telephone interview he has informed police to expect a new complaint and he has asked them to conduct a speedy investigation.

Murray said that while Israeli's previous complaint was not acted upon because the books appeared to be unavailable, Ross' letter of Oct. 22 indicated he would send copies of the works to those who requested them.

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World-National

Three Arabs charged with killing student

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three Arabs from the West Bank town of Jenin were formally charged with the stabbing murder of yeshiva student Eliahu Amdi in the Moslem quarter of the Old City on Nov. 15.

The accused, Samer Mahroun, Omar Sa'id and Hamzeh Sa'id, were apprehended shortly after the crime and, according to police, confessed to the killing on behalf of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Damascus-based terrorist group.

Police said they had planned for some time to kill an Israeli Jew, indicating that Amdi may have been a random victim.

Meanwhile a new upsurge of violence in the Old City and in the West Bank over the weekend resulted in mass arrests of Arab youths who took to the streets to mark the 39th anniversary of the Nov. 29, 1947 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

The unrest erupted as passions continued to run high over the fatal stabbing of yeshiva student Aliahu Amdi in the Old City Nov. 15 which was followed by nine days of attacks on Arabs and their property by local Jews infuriated by the murder.

While most of the disturbances Friday and Saturday involved Arabs, a firebomb was thrown early Saturday morning, apparently by Jews, at an Arab-occupied house near the Dung Gate, the entrance to the Western Wall area. Two cars were set on fire at the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus. A third attempt at arson was foiled.

A group of Arab students attempted to force their way to the Temple Mount which was cordoned off by police. A Moslem guard who tried to intervene on behalf of the students was arrested. Arab shopkeepers were forced to close their doors under pressure from young Arab militants. Students managed to temporarily shut off Saladin St., the main street in East Jerusalem. Five were arrested.

In the West Bank, Arab youths hurled rocks at Israeli vehicles and set up road blocks. Security forces dispersed the demonstrators and confiscated anti-Israel propaganda material at Najah Univesity in Nablus.

Cancer specialist arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Dr. Iosif Irlin, a world-renowned cancer research specialist, arrived in Israel Sunday with his wife, Svetlana, also a scientist, after a 7-year struggle to leave the Soviet Union. Both had been dismissed from their jobs at the Oncological Center of the USSR Academy of Medicine when they first applied for exit visas in April, 1979.

Iosif Irlin, 52, held a hunger strike last August, breaking it only when world figures, including Israel's Chief Rabbis, had promised to intercede on his behalf. The U.S. Association of Oncologists and the French Cancer Society were among the world bodies which organized a campaign to obtain his release from the Soviet Union.

"I thank you for your very warm welcome, and for all you have done on my behalf," he told reporters at a news conference at the Ben Gurion Airport upon his arrival here.

Bonn expels 5 Syrians, freezes economic aid

BONN (JTA) — West Germany has asked five Syrian diplomats here to leave the country. The government also announced it will freeze all economic assistance to Syria and will not appoint a new ambassador to Damascus.

The measures were announced a day after a West Berlin court sentenced two Jordanian nationals to prison terms for bombing the German-Arab Friendship Club there last March and ordered the arrest of a Syrian embassy intelligence officer as an accomplice in the crime.

Ahmed Hasi, 35, was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, and Farouk Salameh, 40, received a 13-year sentence. Hasi is the brother of Nezar Hindawi, who was convicted in a London court last month and sentenced to 45 years in prison for attempting to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al plane at Heathrow Airport last April 17.

Pending hearing

Vanunu to stay in jail

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Mordechai Vanunu, accused of passing state secrets concerning Israel's alleged nuclear weapons arsenal to a foreign newspaper, will remain in custody pending a hearing on the prosecutor's request that he be held in jail until the end of his trial, Jerusalem District Court Judge Zvi Tal ruled Sunday. No date has been set for the hearing.

Tal also rejected a request by Vanunu's attorney, Amnon Zichroni, to hold the hearings in public. The trial, when it begins, is expected to last about six weeks. Seven witnesses will appear for the prosecution and five or six for the defendant, according to Zichroni. Most of them will be from abroad and probably will testify as character witnesses.

Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility, is accused of giving a British newspaper information alleging that Israel has been manufacturing nuclear weapons for 20 years and now possesses a sufficient number to rank sixth among the world's nuclear powers.

The charge sheet against him was formally submitted to the District Court last Friday and it appears less than likely that Vanunu will face the death penalty. The charges cite two sections of the Criminal Code. Section 99 — assistance to an enemy in time of war — provides the death penalty or life imprisonment for "a person, who with intent to assist an enemy in war against Israel, commits an act calculated so to assist him."

But a separate section of the Penal Code makes clear that a death sentence can be imposed only in time of active hostilities. Legal authorities believe that the prosecution will not request the death sentence because, while Israel remains technically at war with several Arab states, there is no actual warfare in progress.

The charge sheet also cited Section 113 of the Penal Code which provides life imprisonment for "a person who delivers any secret information without being authorized to do so and with intent to impair the security of the State. It provides up to 15 years imprisonment for anyone who "obtains, collects, prepares records or holds possession of any secret information . . . and thereby intends to impair the security of the State."

Vanunu was present in court Sunday under heavy guard by police and security agents.

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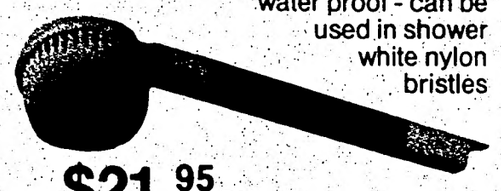

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Heightened repression of all minorities

Situation for Jews in Iran grows "very dark"

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to Evin Prison" where they were terrorized but released the next day.

According to sources here, the actual incident involved 200 to 300 Jewish teenagers rounded up in Teheran's Argentina Square, a well known meeting place for Jewish youth. They were indeed arrested by Revolutionary Guards, terrorized and released the next day after the intervention of a longtime Jewish member of Parliament who still holds his position.

The 1983 roundup was hardly a turning point, but since then other events have sent the Jewish situation downhill. The diminishing Jewish presence in Iran, together with heightened repression of all minorities have created a "picture which is very dark," according to Menasche Amir, Kol Israel's leading expert on day-to-day events in Iran.

"The number of Jewish schools is decreasing," says Amir, "they are mixed with non-Jewish students and must attend class on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Before entering their classrooms, they must shout 'Death to Israel!' and other anti-Zionist slogans, and of course they must participate in anti-Israel demonstrations."

Amir adds that when Jewish youngsters attend outside schools, "they must participate in Moslem religious classes, and they must learn to pray in Islam, and many young people now go home and do actually pray in Islam."

Other sources report that Jews are being slowly pauperized by forbidding their commercial activites and by exacting periodic extortion. One Jerusalem woman told of her family's store being burned to the ground.

It was conditions such as these which prompted German Jewish leaders in 1933 to commence Youth Aliyah — an effort to save Jewish youngsters before they were scarred forever. But just as conditions have worsened in Iran, travel has become inexorably difficult. Iranian law forbids children under 12 from leaving the country.

Jewish adults fare only slightly better. "Normally, any Iranian can go abroad for medical treatment, business or to visit family," explains Amir. "But if he is Jewish, he must deposit a big sum, and give special guarantees that he will return, plus he must give the passport of his other family members to the frontier police. If he does not come back at the specified time, his family has big troubles. Big troubles."

The recent "deterioration" may have something to do with the escalating power struggle to succeed Ayatollah Khomeini, particularly as it affects the Ayatollah Montazeri. Just a few days ago, Montazeri declared on Teheran radio that "Jews and Christians are unclean and Moslems should not associate with them," according to Amir, who monitors Iranian radio. In any power struggle, Jews could be expected to be an early casualty.

In other words, although some Times facts were inaccurate or could not be immediately verified, their alarm was certainly justified. Far greater attention has been focused on far lesser Jewish persecutions in Argentina, Nicaragua, France and Austria.

Why try to downplay the persecution in Iran? In a word, Jewish and Israeli leaders are justifiably reluctant to speak out. "The Khomeini regime does not tolerate any minority," explains Marc Tanenbaum, international director of the American Jewish Committee, reached in Jerusalem. "The situation is of course dark. Jews have it bad. But the better part of wisdom among Jewish leadership believes that it is better not to make any wild or sweeping charges that could provoke retaliation. We are dealing with a very impetuous regime and if we aren't careful, we could have an entire Jewish community being held hostage."

Peres defends Jerusalem's role

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knowledge of payments having been made to the contras. And Peres, in separate remarks to the Knesset, made several claims:

•Israel had not profited in any way from the arms deals. As he put it: "Israel did not earn one red cent from this whole business."

•Funds earmarked for the contras had not passed through Israel.

•Israel had only one motive: to help the U.S. gain the release of several Americans being held hostage in Lebanon by radical Shiites who have close ties to Iran. "Our sincere intention was to assist a nation that has assisted us," said Peres.

•Israel had not sold Iran arms to ease the lot of Iranian Jewry (see other story).

Peres also defended the government's failure to inform the cabinet, the Knesset, or even the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee (headed by Abba Eban) about the arms shipments (which were delivered in 1985 and possibly in 1986).

He justified his position on the ground that the arms shipments were part of an American operation, not an Israeli one.

Despite all this, the situation remained pretty murky.

•According to news reports from Israel, Israel's arms sales to Iran predated and far exceeded the limited $12 million deal admitted by the Reagan administration.

•Washington allegedly knew about the Israeli shipment of anti-tank missiles, machine guns, aircraft spare parts, radar equipment, ammunition and communications gear to Teheran in the past two years.

•In return, the U.S. gave Israel newer equipment.

It seems clear that the U.S. was unaware of at least one arms shipment. Edwin Meese said as much in a press conference.

•Yoel Marcus, a columnist whose work appears in Haaretz, writes that Israel has been sending arms to Teheran for several years now, ostensibly to apply pressure on its longtime enemy, Iraq, which is at war with Iran.

•Amiram Nir, Peres' counter-terrorism advisor, apparently took charge of the deals of which the U.S. was aware.

•Another report suggests that the entire arms deal was engineered by Al Schwimmer, the founder of Israel Aircraft Industries, and Yaacov Nimrodi, an Israeli arms dealer who was once Israel's military attache in Teheran.

More applications studied, Soviets say

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heard she and her children, who are not Jews, could not have entered Israel.

The others returning to the Soviet Union were Victor and Maria Krul, who, like the Tsaliks, are from the city of Odessa.

Igor Lobanov, counselor of the Soviet embassy, said the conference was held at the request of the returning families. He said the seven had applied repeatedly for permission to return — the Kruls as early as 1979. Permission was finally granted by the Supreme Soviet, the equivalent of Parliament, on "humanitarian" grounds.

He said the applications of 12 other returning Soviets are currently being processed, while they are "looking at" another 100.

Asked whether those returning to the Soviet Union who change their minds will be allowed to return to Canada, Embassy Second Secretary Vladimir Kuznetsov said "each case would be decided individually."

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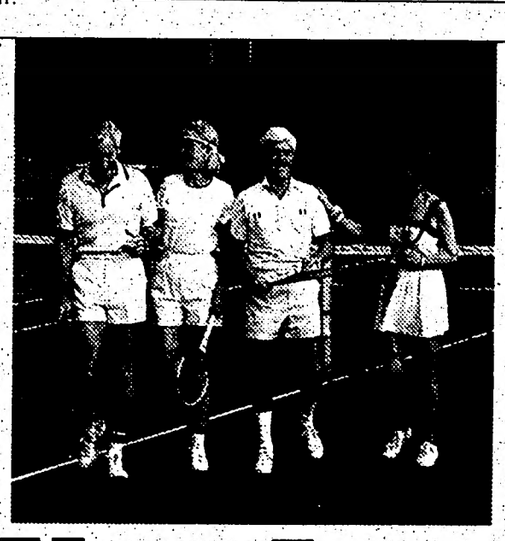

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World-National

DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Writer and educator Yehuda Leib Gordon was born Dec. 7, 1831. An early exponent of the haskalah (westernizing) movement beginning to sweep East European Jewry, he pioneered the literary renaissance of the Hebrew language, in his outspoken social criticism.

In his early years as czar, Alexander II allowed Jews to enter Russian schools and universities with few restrictions. Thousands flocked to partake of the brilliant new European culture, a siren beckoning with the promise of enlightened brotherhood among all men. The more skeptical interpreted the government's liberalism, as well as its support of a new largely anti-religious intelligensia, as a fresh effort to undermine the viability of the community's upcoming generation of leaders.

Students left state-supported Jewish seminaries, unequivocally opposed by the rabbis, shorn of the traditional practices of their home. The bulk of Russia's 3 million Jews were still confined to impoverished ghettos. Jewish children as young as 7 years of age continued to be impressed into the Russian army for terms of 25 years; taken far away from their homes, most who did not die of brutal conversion efforts failed to survive as Jews.

These and other intolerable pressures made abuse erupt within the community. Some of the wealthier Jews were ruthless in maintaining their leadership. The quotas of conscripts, despite occasional rabbinic objection, were taken among the poor and fatherless. Attempts to suppress Western books and ideas were often exaggerated and hostile. Jewish nationalism was condemned in the same tones as was the threat of assimilation.

The rabbinic and lay leadership's unswerving support of government authority, despite restrictions, pogroms and other manifestations of anti-semitism, was seen by many idealists as a form of collusion. Violence, false accusations and betrayals were common in the long, bitter feud between chassidim and traditional Jews. Extremists abounded on all sides of a multifaceted conflict.

Gordon, a promising young rabbinical student in Vilna, began studying European culture and language at age 17. At 22, he graduated from the local government teachers' seminary, and set out as an itinerant schoolteacher and romantic poet. He soon became a spokesman for the common people, the poor and the oppressed, and of women's rights. The heroine of his melodramatic poem Kozo shel Yod (the tip of the letter yod) is a young woman who undergoes much suffering and hardship before receiving a divorce from a husband who has long abandoned her and their two children. About to marry a bright young government teacher — much like the writer — she is shocked to have the divorce nullified by a religious authority because the yod was left out in the spelling of her husband's name. Gordon's work aroused rabbinic ire.

Urged exodus

Gordon came to blame the Jews' isolation, internally reinforced since biblical times, for causing anti-semitism. He urged Jews to replace Yiddish with Russian, abandon all outward distinctions, and place their trust in the benign intentions of czarist policy. He told them to aim at being farmers and artisans, implying that the innumerable longstanding restrictions against them would melt away before their will. "Be a Jew in your home and a man in the street," he wrote in his poem Hakitzah Ami (My People, Awake!), a line that continues to arouse passions to this day.

Russian liberalism collapsed and violent state-sponsored programs swept the land. Using the biblical metaphors of Dinah, daughter of Jacob, and Shechem, who raped her, he evaded the censorship of the government he bitterly condemned, in his powerful 1882 poem Achoti Ruchama (Ruchama, My sister). He urged a mass exodus to the West, particularly to the U.S. Gordon was now condemned as a renegade by those Jews whose liberalism and hope in Russia remained intact.

Gordon declined to urge mass emigration to "Turkish" Israel. "Our redemption can come about only after our spiritual deliverance," he wrote in 1882. Yet, he looked favorably upon those prepared to go to Zion as agricultural pioneers. They, in turn, acknowledged the philosophical direction and demonstration of Hebrew's viability that he bequeathed.

About enough evidence for a trial

Modai denies Waldheim statement

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Former Israeli Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai has denied comments attributed to him in May that there was enough evidence to put Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on trial for war crimes in the wake of an Israeli inquiry that found there was little evidence to support such a move.

In Montreal to speak at a State of Israel Bonds reception, Modai told The CJN that original press reports quoting him to that effect were false.

"What I said was that there was enough evidence to associate Waldheim with groups that committed war crimes. I never said there was enough evidence to put him on trial," Modai said.

Modai also rejected the term "inquiry" to describe the Israeli justice ministry probe.

"It is not an inquiry," he said. "We asked for some more information for our investigation. It is still going on."

The Jerusalem Post has reported that the feelings of the inquiry, which was ordered last April by then Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and which began when Modai was justice minister, could potentially embarrass Israel because it recalled its ambassador to Vienna to protest the election of Waldheim as president.

The newspaper also said the probe found that although a case could be made for suspecting Waldheim of abetting war crimes, no proof linked the Austrian president directly with committing atrocites against Jews.

Furthermore, the Post reported, the inquiry concluded that evidence even of general war crimes could not justify an extradition request for Waldheim to stand trial.

Subsequent to the comments credited to him in May, Modai, who is now a minister without portfolio, acknowledged that most of the evidence against Waldhiem he had seen came from press accounts quoting Israeli residents who claimed they witnessed Waldheim's participation in war crimes.

Modai told The CJN that there was an "obligation to the Jewish heritage" to investigate the possible "offences" of individuals like Waldheim who had covered up his wartime activities.

"Not all offences are criminal offences. But the fact remains that Israel recalled its ambassador (to Austria) because of good reason to suspect him (of war crimes)."

Modai, in remarks to the reception, cited Israel's economic recovery during his 2-year term as finance minister.

Compared to other nations that suffered comparable economic troubles, Modai said, Israel's rebound was "miraculous."

The heavy costs of shouldering continuing "economic burdens," however, Modai said, requires world Jewry to "perform its historical task" of moral and financial support of Israel.

Joe Clark clarifies Canadian PLO policy

MONTREAL — External Affairs Minister Joe Clark has responded to a telegram from Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Dorothy Reitman with respect to the admission to Canada of members of the PLO.

"I want to assure you that Canadian policy on entry of members of the PLO to Canada is clear. We will not allow individuals who are associated with acts of violence to enter the country. There are, however, circumstances when entry will be granted," he wrote.

The CJC had raised the issue of PLO representation at a meeting in Montreal of the International Civil Aviation Organization this fall.

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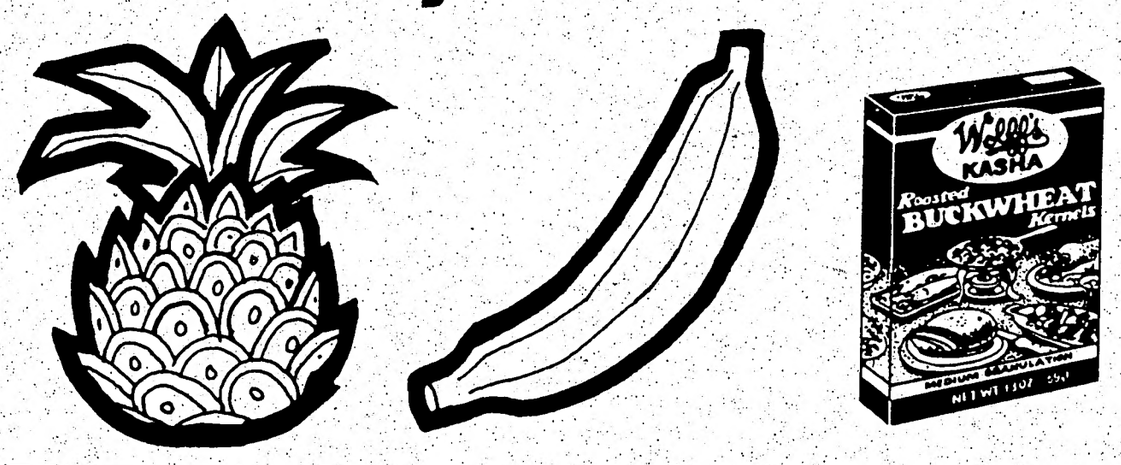

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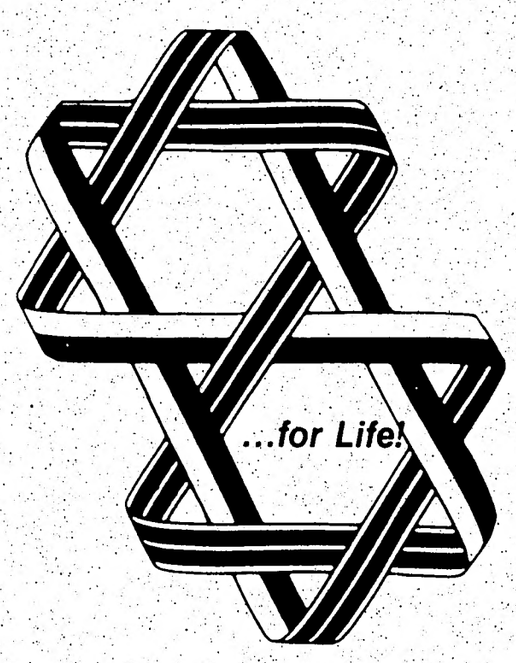

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Organizations and People

Canadian director Steve Cohen to appeal conviction

Minister's Jews for Jesus affiliation reported

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO — A Baptist minister who recently told an anti-missionary forum he believes Judaism is a false religion, sits on the board of directors of Jews For Jesus, taxation documents for the organization show.

Rev. Warwick Cooper attended a recent lecture on Christian proselytizing among Jews given by Larry Levey, east coast director of Jews for Judaism (CJN Nov. 27).

After challenging Levey on a point of scripture, Cooper admitted to being a Baptist minister. However, he did not state his affiliation with Jews For Jesus.

"I am not ashamed. I have nothing to hide. It's public knowledge and if asked I will admit it. There is nothing gained in deception," Cooper told The CJN.

Cooper's relationship with the organization came to light when The CJN obtained a copy of Jews For Jesus 1985 Registered Charity Information Return and Public Information Return from the Joint Community Relations Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

That return reports the following: Total revenue, $360,071; total expenditures, $286, 792; total assets, $155,536; total liabilities, capital and surplus, $155,536.

In the section of the document describing activities in Canada, it states: "Speak to both Christians and non-Christians about the Bible." Activities outside Canada are listed as "N/A."

The executive officers of Jews for Jesus in Toronto for the fiscal period ending in December 1985 are: Jack Gibson, president, Toronto; Paul Mack, secretary-treasurer, Oshawa; Steve Cohen, branch leader, Don Mills; Curt Wagner, board member, Niagara on-the Lake; Rev. W. Cooper, board member, Toronto; Dan Marshall, board member, Kitchener; David Krohnert, board member, Milton; Allan Kielstra, board member, St. Catharines; Marty Klein, board member, Toronto.

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Meanwhile, Cohen, Canadian director of Jews For Jesus, has announced that he will appeal his conviction for trespassing at York University.

Cohen, 37, was given a suspended sentence and three months probation in Provincial Court recently. He was arrested while handing out literature last April.

Govt. plans youth program

TORONTO — The province-wide launching of Young Leaders Tomorrow, a program designed to give young people aged 15 to 24 experience in community leadership, has been announced by Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro.

During the next two years, the ministry, in cooperation with the Ontario Association of Volunteer Bureaux and Centres (OAVB/C), will give 880 young people in 22 communities an opportunity to gain experience by working for a year as volunteer board or committee members for local organizations, Munro said.

"Our pilot programs launched earlier this year in Thunder Bay and Ottawa were very successful," she said. "Not only are young people gaining valuable management skills which will bolster their careers but community groups are strengthened and stimulated."

The ministry is initially providing the OAVB/C with a $329,000 grant to conduct the program. The OAVB/C is an association dedicated to the growth and development of voluntary action in Ontario.

At Holy Blossom

Forum planned to discuss services

TORONTO — A congregational forum to enable Holy Blossom Temple members to ask questions and express opinions about the recent decision by the board of trustees to abolish late Friday evening services has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, 9.30-10.15 a.m.

The forum precedes Holy Blossom's annual general meeting.

At a meeting in September, the board of trustees also agreed to continue and enhance the synagogue's early Friday evening services and augment the latter with special religious events 8-12 times a year.

Late Friday evening services have been flagging for many years, according to shul president Gordon Wolfe. "Our strength lies in our readiness to face changing social and philosophic patterns and to fuse these with what is best in Jewish tradition," he wrote in the Nov. 21 Temple Bulletin.

Dropping late Friday evening services was first suggested some 20 years ago by the then new rabbi of the congregation, Gunther W. Plaut. Last year, as president of the Central Conference of Reform Rabbis, Plaut urged fellow spiritual leaders to "draw the consequences of what our people are telling us by their very absence."

Estimating that from 6 to 10 per cent of members attend late Friday evening services, he said: "Irreverently again, no business would consider running at that rate and I venture to suggest neither should the spiritual business of our movement."

Turner named OHA chairman

TORONTO — Gerald Turner, president and chief executive officer of Mount Sinai Hospital, has been appointed the next chairman of the Ontario Hospital Association, it has been announced.

Turner will assume leadership of the OHA, which represents all of the province's 220 public hospitals and about 150 health care agencies, at the association's annual general meeting in November 1987.

Gerald Turner

Turner was also recently re-appointed to the board of the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council, and is chairman of its acute care committee.

The Mertropolitan Toronto District Health Council is a publicly funded organization which provides advice to the Ontario minister of health on a wide range of issues.

Turner is an associate professor in the department of health administration at the University of Toronto, and a member of the board of govenors of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. His affiliation with Mount Sinai Hospital spans over 30 years.

A co-author of two major books on hospital care, he has published numerous articles and received several prestigious health care awards.

Israeli vets praise Canada for its policy on Syria

TORONTO — Canada has been praised by the Israel War Veterans League Central Committee for its policy concerning Syria including recalling its ambassador for consultations after the involvement of that country in terrorism became clear.

In a letter to Alec Caspi, international liaison of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, the Israeli organization said: "Israel public opinion and members of this organization have noted with satisfaction the steps and measures that the government of Canada has taken."

The letter continued: "We would like to convey — through your good offices — to your government and to the people of Canada our feelings and thanks for the courageous stand taken."

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Women must unite for rights, says Reitman

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Canadian women must band together to demand equal rights in society says Dorothy Reitman, first woman president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"Doors are opening to women in areas of decision-making but if we don't utilize new Charter of Rights and affirmative action laws we will be back where we started," Reitman said in accepting the B'nai B'rith Council of Toronto annual Woman of the Year Award.

She told 200 guests at the council's Covenant Breakfast at the Chimo Hotel in Markham that Jewish women in the Metro Toronto area work force in the 25-55 year age range still only earn 76% of what their male counterparts are paid.

Florence Feldman, president of the BBW Council of Toronto delivered the speech of Ernna Harris, Woman of the Year chairman, who could not attend the breakfast.

"It is hard to fill one's life with meaning but Dorothy has certainly done so," Harris said in the speech.

Reitman has served as president of National Council of Jewish Women and during her 20 years of volunteer work has set up a kosher Meals on Wheels program and was instrumental in launching the Head Start program in a Montreal inner-city school, she said.

The CJC president has also worked with Concordia University in Montreal to set up the first certificate program in the field of family life education and was a founding member of the Portage Program for Drug Dependencies, the breakfast was told.

"Reitman has always enriched her life and the lives of those around her," said Harris.

She added that Reitman's activities allowed her to develop the skills necessary to become president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Feldman presented Reitman with a Woman of the Year plaque "in appreciation of her tireless efforts for the community."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman, a guest at the breakfast, praised BBW for its "great work in our community and in Israel. I also commend you for your choice of Woman of the Year."

BBW of Canada president, Nancy Cooperberg said that "Dorothy has proven herself time and time again. The presidency of CJC is a challenge that she certainly will fulfil."

Reitman told the guests that she was "overwhelmed at getting this award."

Previous recipents of the Woman of the Year Award include Chaviva Hosek, Karen Kain, Margaret Laurence and Bette Stephenson.

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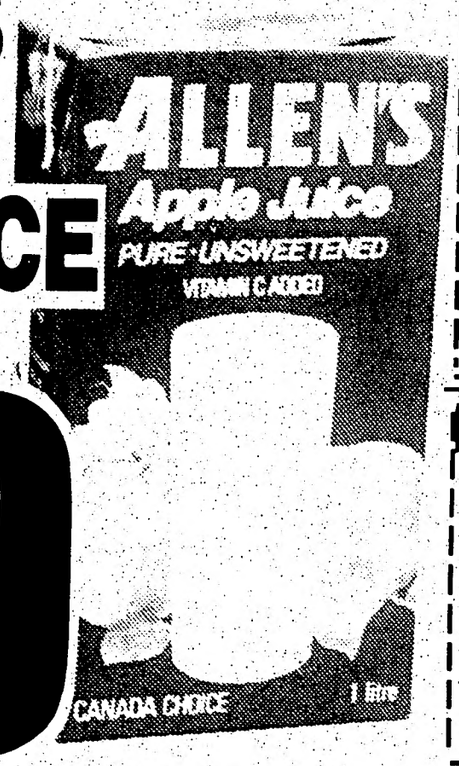

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Because of the holiday season, all deadlines are early. In December, please get all copy in at once. This will enable us to publish your items at the appropriate time. I will be at my desk on Monday, Dec. 8 and again on Thursday, Dec. 11, to receive your calls. These are the only days I will be available before the holidays.

Thursday, Dec. 4

JEP/OR SOMAYACH

Jewish Education Program/Or Somayach Tanenbaum Centre, 2939 Bathurst St. (at Shelborne), continues with its Thursday evening 8.30-10 p.m. programs. On Dec. 4, **Rabbi David Sapirman** will give his viewpoint on The Coming of the Messiah: A Real United Nations.

Sunday, Dec. 7

PARENTS OF N.A. ISRAELIS

The next meeting of the Toronto chapter of Parents of North American Israelis takes place in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

After a short film on Soviet immigrants who have formed an orchestra in Beersheba, an open discussion will be held to consider the chapter's participation in the community, with a view to emphasizing its concerns regarding aliya.

Guests are welcome.

SHE'ARIM AUCTION

She'arim is a school for children with learning disabilities. Expenses are covered primarily by tuition fees and fund raisers.

On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7.30 p.m., in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., the Parents Association will be holding an auction to raise funds for the school. Preview time is 6.30 p.m. and the auction starts at 7.30. All brand new merchandise will be auctioned.

CANTORIAL CONCERT

Toronto Council of Hazzanim in association with Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada) — Beit Halochem, presents a Cantorial Concert featuring Cantors **David Bagly, Louis Danto, A. Eliezer Kirschblum, Paul Kowarsky, Benjamin Maissner, Hesh Meyersdorf** and **Efraim Sapir**, with synagogue choirs.

This event is scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

For tickets and information call Adath Israel Synagogue, 635-5340.

AT SHAAREH HAIM

Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill, will lecture on The Ideology of Conservative Judaism, Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m., in Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Rd. (Between Bathurst and Yonge, north of Hwy. 7).

The lecture will be preceded by a service and breakfast, and will conclude at 11.45 a. m. All are welcome.

For further information, call 737-3080.

ONTARIO MEN'S ORT

Ontario Men's ORT is holding a General Assembly — Election Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. in Tessler Hall, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Guest speaker **Prof. Joseph Nevo**, visiting professor from the University of Haifa at York University, will discuss Jordanian-Palestinian Relations in an Historical Perspective.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. RSVP 482-1371.

YIDDISH CULTURE

Israeli actress **Hadassa Kestin**, will offer dramatic readings from the works of prominent Jewish writers and poets, during an Evening of Yiddish Culture, dedicated to the memory of **Lipa Green**, Yiddish and Yiddish culture activist, on the occasion of his 10 yahrzeit.

This is planned for 8.30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

JEWELRY AND BAKE SALE

Herzliah Chapter, Toronto Women's ORT, is holding a Jewelry and Bake Sale, 11a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at 24 Leith Hill Rd., main floor recreation room (Don Mills and Sheppard, opposite Fairview Mall).

Jewelry items from $2 up, will be offered for sale.

Admission is free and coffee will be served.

For additional information, contact the ORT office, 787-0297.

RUMMAGE — FLEA MARKET

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is sponsoring a Rummage Sale, Book Sale and Flea Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. (six blocks south of Sheppard, two west of Bathurst).

WOMEN IN JEWISH RITUAL

On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., Kehillat Ahavat Hesed invites you to join the group at 249 Forest Hill Rd., when **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will lead a study session on Women in Jewish Ritual.

For more details, phone 782-8576.

MEMORIAL LECTURE

Franklin Littell (second from right) delivered the recent annual Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation. The lecture was sponsored by United Synagogue of America Ontario Region and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. With Littell (from left) are Father Brian Clough, chairman of the board of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue of Toronto; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, president of the Council of Christians and Jews; Ruth Bass, president of USA Ontario Region, and Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Congregation. [Ben Lechtman photo]

WILLIAM DAVIS CENTRE

In recognition of former Ontario premier William G. Davis' keen interest in educational endeavors and encouragement of Ontario residents of all ages to pursue educational goals, the education centre at Baycrest Hospital will be known as The William G. Davis Education Centre. In addition Baycrest has established a scholarship fund in his name and he has been made an honorary member of the Baycrest board of governors. Seen with Mr. Davis at the dedication ceremony is his wife Kathleeen. [Graphic Artists photo]

Monday, Dec. 8

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents Breastfeeding and Beyond, the last in a series of four monthly meetings. Starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues will be considered.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The meeting is slated for 8.15 p.m. at 55 Millersgrove Dr., (south off Fisherville, between Bathurst and Dufferin).

For further information, phone **Ruth**, 736-1758, or **Adrianne**, 738-8268.

BOOK REVIEW

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, the Adult Education and Library committees together with the Sisterhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, invite you to a review of **Chaim Potok's** book Davita's Harp to be given by York University **Prof. Elaine Newton.**

The community is welcome to attend, 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, in the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

MOTHERS AGAINST GOING CRAZY

Take a break from the kids. Enjoy stimulating speakers, meet other mothers of young children. Excellent baby sitting will be provided.

Learn about Astrology from **Priscilla Costello**, at the next Monday Magic gathering in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Dec. 8, between 9.30-11.30 a.m.

To inquire further, call **Judith**, 782-8007.

COMMUNITY LECTURE

Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom Synagogues are co-sponsoring a community lecture with **Dr. David Hartman**, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Jerusalem and the Future of Judaism, will be the topic.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

GIFT AND CRAFT SALE

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood holds its annual Gift and Craft Sale, 10a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. (between Sheppard and Finch).

Light refreshments will be offered, and many door prizes will be given away.

This is an opportunity to buy novel gift items for the holidays.

Admission is $1 per adult, children free.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

A farewell reception by the board of directors and staff of the United Synagogue Day School will be tendered for **Ruth Goldberg,** vice-principal of the USDS Junior High School, who is retiring after a quarter-century of educational leadership.

The reception on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Beth Tzedec mezzanine, is open to present and former pupils, staff and board of directors.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SERIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Adult Education Institute of Developing Jewish Thought with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with Aliya — Is Living in Israel a Mitzvah? The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. in the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

On Tuesday mornings at 10, Rabbi Stern conducts a special class for women dealing with topics of current interest.

YOU AND YOUR HEALTH

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to its All-Day Institute, You and Your Health, Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Seminars will be on Drugs: Prescription and Over the Counter, Use and Misuse; Back and Joint Problems; PMS and Menopause — How to Cope.

The time is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Morning coffee and lunch will be served. This is by reservation only and babysitting is on request.

Fee is $6 for members, $7.50, non members.

RSVP 222-5377, 244-8828 (evenings) or 449-7328.

COOKING — BAKING DEMONSTRATION

Enjoy a demonstration of cooking and baking with **Lillian Kaplun**, author of For the Love of Cooking and For the Love of Baking, to be sponsored by Beth Tzedec Sisterhood, in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Cost for Sisterhood members is $5, non members, $7.

Everyone is welcome. For tickets, call 781-3511.

CHANUKAH SALE

Holy Blossom Temple Judaica Shop Chanukah Sale is Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 11a.m. until 3.30 p.m. at 1950 Bathurst St. Come and find suitable gifts for everyone on your list.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

U.S. JEWISH POLICE CHIEF

Reuben M. Greenberg, a Black Conservative Jew and police chief of Charleston, S.C., will examine Pride and Prejudice — A Continuing Story, when he speaks at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Everyone is welcome.

This meeting is under the auspices of The United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region.

BBW BOUTIQUE NIGHT

Golda Meir Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, welcomes you to its Boutique Night, featuring kitchen gadgets, leather and suede flowers, purses, jewelry, sportswear, enamel on copper, and much more, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Admission is $2.

For more details, call **Renee**, 731-7810 or **Margie**, 731-7615.

Thursday, Dec. 11

LUPUS ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, commencing 7.30 p.m. at 250 Bloor St. E., suite 401.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11.

To inquire further, call 967-1414.

MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES

A lecture on Mystery and Myth and Scatology: Ehud and Eglon's Throne, will be given by **Prof. Baruch Halpern** of York University, at Alumni Hall, Victoria College, 73 Queen's Park Cres. E., 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

The talk is presented by The Society for Mediterranean Studies.

FASHION SHOW

Muki Baum Treatment Centre, (a school for multi-handicapped children and adults) invites you to a Fashion Show at Holiday Inn, Yorkdale, 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11.

Here's a chance to see the latest in women's fashions - beach and casual wear, bridal wear, formals and furs.

Door prizes include a trip for two to New York, as well as assorted fashion accessories.

Admission is $30 per person and includes a full sweet table.

For tickets, please call **Linda**, 633-3971, or they are also available at the door.

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SHAAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, looks forward to a Chanukah Craft Demonstration and Workshop with **Andrea Cohen**, as well as a chanukiot talk and display, 7.50 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11.

Admission is $1.50 for members, $2, non members.

Call the synagogue office, 889-4975, for more information.

FOOD ADDITIVES

Rising public concern centres around the increasing presence of chemicals in our food.

A seminar on Food Additives, will address recent controversies around additives such as sulfites and monosodium glutamate, and practices such as food irradiation. Recent bans on sulfites in salad bars will be a focus of attention.

Under the auspices of OPIRG, Ontario Public Interest Research Group, the meeting takes place 4.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, Room L-72, Jorgenssen Hall, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Gould and Victoria Sts.

And What Else Is New . . .

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VANCOUVER FESTIVITIES

Join in an afternoon of pre-Chanukah festivities at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre, 12 - 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21. Highlight of the afternoon will be Carousel Theatre's presentation of Chanukah and Holiday Stories from Around the World.

There will be games, food and fun for the whole family.

Cost for the theatre production is $1 per child, $2 each adult.

To inquire further, contact **Ruthie Soudack**, cultural arts coordinator, at 266-9111.

CAMP RAMAH

Camp Ramah will be offering the following two slide show and information sessions this week.

The first program is slated for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 (preceded by a light dinner at 6.30), at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., Ottawa.

The Second program is at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

For more information, phone 789-2193.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

American Folk Art: Expressions of a New Spirit, is the exhibition at The Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., Dec. 11 to Jan. 30. The 120 objects, drawn from the collection of the Museum of American Folk Art, date from the 18th through the 20th centuries and include painting, sculpture, textiles and decorated furniture.

Utilitarian and beautiful, the pieces reflect the needs and interests of the men and women who produced them.

FASHION SHOW HONORS

At Canadian Friends of Akim 19th annual fashion show held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently, fashion show chairman Roma Buchman (right) presents plaques of appreciation to Anna Isacco of Chez Pierre and Tony Lombardo of Bruttium, whose fashions were featured at the show. [Camilleri Photography photo]

ON THE MOVE!

Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, which has just celebrated its 12th year of serving the community, is relocating to 530 Wilson Ave., 3rd floor. The phone number is 635-2860.

CHOICE DESSERTS

Choice Desserts, a cookbook authored by **Kay Spicer** and published in conjunction with the Canadian Diabetes Association, is chock full of easy-to-prepare reeipes with less sugar and fat per recipe. It is a great way for people with diabetes to enjoy their favorite desserts. Look for the book at your nearest bookstore.

SHAAREI-BETH EL OAKVILLE

Shaarei-Beth El Congregation in Oakville, is planning a bake sale on Dec. 14, to raise funds for the kitchen. Baked items and helpers are needed. Please call 844-0559.

The congregation's 5th Annual Chanukah Family Dinner is Friday, Dec. 26 at 6.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 186 Morrison Rd. Cost is $9 per adult, $4, each child 11 years and under. For reservations, payable in advance, call **Cheryl MacDonald**, 849-6000.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like interaction with residents on an individual basis? The Touch the Music program at Baycrest, needs volunteers to stimulate some very impaired residents. You will assist them with clay work and exercises while listening to music. To volunteer please call 789-5131.

The hotline for senior shut-ins to call and check on having their snow removed, needs volunteers to answer the phones and do some clerical work. If you would like to be a part of this team, please call 789-5131, ext. 2572.

CHILDREN'S WINTER CAMP

Winter Wonderland, a camp experience for girls and boys ages 8-15 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound, is set for Sunday, Dec. 21 - Friday, Dec. 26. The package includes cross-country ski classes, equipment, winter sports and crafts, with experienced instructors and counselors.

All food services are under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress.

For additional information call the Jewish Camp Council, 964-8842.

MICHLALAH FOUNDER

Rabbi Yehudah Copperman, founder and rector of Michlalah, Jerusalem College for Women, will be delivering a message to the alumnae in Toronto and he will also be honored at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cohen**. **Rabbi M. Louis Applebaum,** director-general of the college, will be in attendance.

MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that cast of popular entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, directed by pianist-soloist **Elaine Duff,** assisted by **Anne Sussman,** announces its December performances: 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Shalom Village, Hamilton; 1.15 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, for the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave; 1.30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, Bendal Acres, 2920 Lawrence Ave. E. and 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Towne and Countrye Square, Yonge and Steeles.

The group rehearses every Wednesday between 10 and 11 a.m. at the Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. (just west of Bathurst). Join in the fun. For further details, phone 222-0655 or 222-7422.

BETH EMETH EVENTS

An evening of dance, socializing, entertainment and refreshments, hosted by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue special events committee, takes place 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Fischstein Hall, 100 Elder St. Music is by **Jossy and his Orchestra.**

Cost is $10 per person and tables may be reserved for 10 persons or more.

For tickets and additional information, call the synagogue office, 633-3838.

...On Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Married Couples Club will hold a Chanukah party.

For more details about this and other gatherings, call **Gail,** 636-4090, evenings.

PETER AND THE WOLF

As a holiday season special, Toronto's Westminster Ensemble will perform Peter and the Wolf, using music, masks, narrative and mime to tell the timeless story of Peter's confrontation with the wolf. This is scheduled for Dec. 13, 2.30 - 3.15 p.m. at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., (east of Don Mills Rd.) and is suitable for ages 5 and older.

Free tickets are available one hour before the performance.

VOLUNTEER FOR RETARDED

The Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded provides nursery school programs for 2-to-4-year-olds in the Bayview/Cummer and Keele/Eglinton areas.

Volunteers are needed to help with crafts, games, sing-songs and teaching life skills under the supervision of staff. If you can give one morning per week to this worthwhile program, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

JEWISH MEDIA CENTRE FILMS

Toronto Jewish Media Centre opens another season of film screenings at 7.30 p.m. Sunday evenings, on the 4th floor of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Membership is $25 per person and only members or guests of members, may attend. Cost for guests is $6 per screening. All members will receive one free guest pass to be used at any time.

Each program showcases a feature length film and a short one.

Here is the tentative schedule: Dec. 14, Hester Street, and A Psalm for Moshe; Jan. 18, La Passante, and The Hangman; Feb. 22, Homage to Chagall, and The Faithful Artist; March 29, The Dybbuk (Hebrew), and Seal Upon Thy Heart; May 24, Yidl Mitn Fidl, and a short film to be announced.

It should be noted that the program is subject to change, depending on the availability of the films. An exciting group of discussion leaders is also being arranged for each showing.

This is a joint project of The Board of Jewish Education and The Toronto Jewish Cultural Council.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles is committed to encouraging and inspiring the creation, documentation and preservation of authentic Jewish fabric artifacts.

A meeting on Dec. 3, will bring members and visitors up to date on the succah project wherein members are creating a handmade succah from basketry to banners, friezes to fruits, embroidered linens to etrog boxes.

New members are invited to join and participate in this exciting endeavor. Membership is $25 annually. Non members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information call **Faigy Grossman** at 656-5680 or **Sybil Geller**, 483-9904.

JEEVES TAKES CHARGE

Jeeves Takes Charge, a one-man 12-character play based on the comic novels of **P.G. Wodehouse,** continues at Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto, until Dec. 7. A recent benefit performance for Women's College Hospital was a reserved sellout.

The play runs Tuesday through Sunday, with 8 p.m. curtain except for Saturday, when showtimes are 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday performances are priced at $16.50, Friday through Sunday shows are $18.50. The box office number is 978-8668.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, director of chaplaincy services, will examine Jews in Prison: Coping Jewishly in an Abnormal Situation, when he addresses the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14.

The meeting takes place in the Sisterhood Hall and everyone is welcome.

Special tables will be available if desired, for singles 21-39 and 39 plus.

Admission is free to members, $2, guests.

Coordinators are **Sandra** and **Jerry Genesove**.

LUNG ASSOCIATION

Volunteer canvassers for "holly days" are urgently needed by The Lung Association, December 13 in major shopping centres.

Please call 864-1112.

MEDINA STAGE COMPANY

Medina Stage Company presents The Twisted Loaf, by **Aviva Ravel**, directed by **Sylvia Lennick**, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in Holy Blossom Temple's Eisendrath Auditorium, 1950 Bathurst St.

The author will be at each performance to meet with the audience and answer questions after the show.

Tickets are $7, seniors and students, $5. Call 667-8347.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Canada World Youth is launching its 1986-87 recruitment campaign with the news that 800 young people will participate in next year's youth exchange programs.

CWY is looking for workers between the ages of 17 and 20 who are interested in learning about development and cross cultural communication both in Canada and in a developing country.

All costs during the program — food, lodging, transportation and pocket money — are covered by Canada World Youth.

The exchanges start June 1, July, August and September. Deadline for applications for the June

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TREASURY GIFT

Izy Stern (centre) happily accepts a synagogue treasury gift on behalf of UJA from members of Adath Sholom Synagogue. With him are (from left) Mike Rogow, vice-president; Lloyd Pollack, chairman of the board; Eli Freedman and Sam Bresler.

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and July exchange is Jan. 16, 1987 and for the August and September exchanges, March 6.

Application forms and more information are available from Canada World Youth, Ontario regional office, 627 Davenport Rd., Toronto M5R 1L2.

GRANDPARENTS WANTED

Volunteer Grandparents is looking for responsible people over the age of 40 who would like to participate in this rewarding program. Please call 889-1502 or write 3000 Bathurst St., Suite 709, Toronto, M6B 3B4.

...Families who feel that their children would benefit from the companionship of a Volunteer Grandparent, please call 889-1502 or write 3000 Bathurst St., Suite 709, Toronto M6B 3B4.

MUSEUM OF TORONTO STUDY

The Toronto Historical Board announces a planning and financial feasibility study to examine all aspects of the proposed Museum of Toronto. This study will review the organization, collections, programming, audience, financing, staffing and site of a museum that would interpret the history of a city.

Public participation will be an important part of the planning process.

The Museum of Toronto would be a dynamic contemporary institution embracing all aspects of the history and development of the community and all its people from prehistoric times to the present and into the future.

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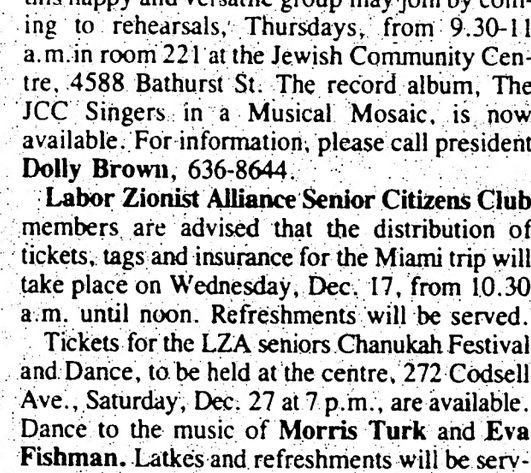
JCC Singers, under the direction of **Esther Ghan Firestone**, with **Sara Barkin-Sandler** at the piano, are now preparing for their 1987 season. Any senior who would like to sing with this happy and versatile group may join by coming to rehearsals, Thursdays, from 9.30-11 a.m. in room 221 at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. The record album, The JCC Singers in a Musical Mosaic, is now available. For information, please call president **Dolly Brown**, 636-8644.

Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club members are advised that the distribution of tickets, tags and insurance for the Miami trip will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 10.30 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets for the LZA seniors Chanukah Festival and Dance, to be held at the centre, 272 Codsell Ave., Saturday, Dec. 27 at 7 p.m., are available. Dance to the music of **Morris Turk** and **Eva Fishman.** Latkes and refreshments will be served. Cost is $6 per person.

And, LZA seniors will have **Meyer Mandel** as guest at their Tuesday Cultural Circle, 10 a.m. until noon.

Coffee House 60, the seniors' leisurely discussion and activity group, meets 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina. On Thursday, Dec. 11, the Good Age Club will host a speaker on Walking Defensively in Toronto. Refreshments and discussion follow. Come out!



SOLDIERS' AID

The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel is in the midst of its annual Chanukah candle campaign. This year 25,000 cards are being sent to the Jewish community in Ontario. Seen here are campaign co-chairmen Fira Rotenberg (left) and Carol Baratz.

JOY AND ELATION

Joy and elation were the order of the day for Judith Socket, a 1st prize winner at the 19th annual Beth Tikvah Art Show at 3080 Bayview Ave. Judith, who has a unique style, has studied, among other places, at the Three Schools of Art in Toronto.

Validation Therapy Phase II, with **Naomi Feil**, a workshop on communicating with the confused elderly, will be given at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., from 8.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. For early registration, call **Elaine**, 927-0961, or **Gilda**, 493-1565.

North York Seniors Centre is offering Financial Counseling for Seniors, which is designed to assist seniors in making the most of their money. Anyone over 60 may participate. Appointments are kept on the second Tuesday of each month at the centre, 1 Empress Ave. in Willowdale, starting on Dec. 9. To book an appointment, call 226-5614.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50, will meet 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the synagogue, to hear Patty Proctor, curatorial fellow, Royal Ontario Museum, discuss Later Imperial China, New Permanent Collection. Coffee and cake will be served. Everyone is welcome, and cost to non members of the club is $1.50.

Club Chaverim Seniors of the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., with varied Monday afternoon programs including speakers, bingo, movies, cards, etc., will be suspending meetings for the winter months. To inquire further, phone **Sally Kerbel**, 889-0813.

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., gathers on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at noon for lunch and entertainment. Reservations are still being accepted for the Chanukah party, Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Rabbi David Monson will be the guest at **Beth Sholom Seniors** Chanukah meeting 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. This will be the last meeting of the season until March. Winner of the raffle for a trip for two to Florida, is **Mrs. Rose Turner**.

The Law and You, a lecture series in cooperation with the Canadian Bar Association of Ontario, Thursdays, 7.30-9 p.m. in Room A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer, will feature **Brian Horlick** explaining, Selling Homes, Buying Condominiums.

The **Wagman Centre** Joy of Theatre planning committee is arranging an evening at the Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave., (Bathurst and Davenport), 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18. The play is Murder at McQueen, by **Erika Ritter**.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Widows 70 and Over Program is set for Monday, Dec. 8, 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271.

The line and ballroom dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt.** There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

Holy Blossom Alumnae meet 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., when **Marilyn Silver Siegel** will offer A Trip to China — A Slide Presentation.

Sunnybrook Geriatric Day Hospital offers medical and nursing care, rehabilitation (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology), social counseling, creative activities and support services including laboratory, dietary and pharmacy. It operates five days a week from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A referral form completed by a family physician is necessary before a preadmission assessment visit can be arranged. Inquiries and requests for referral forms should be

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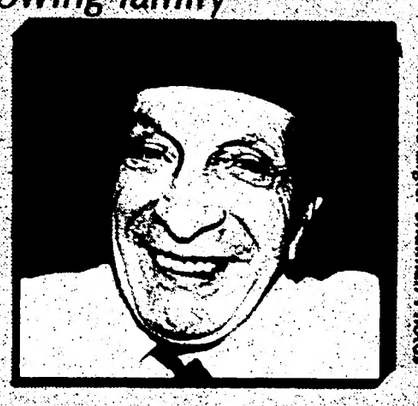
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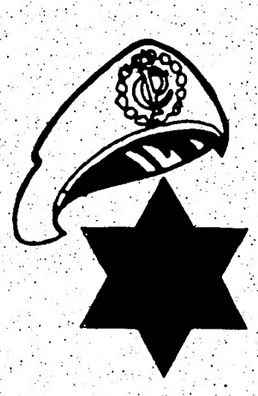

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Thursday, December 11, at 9:00 p.m.
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What's New

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directed to Nurse Coordinator, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4N 3M5. Telephone number is 480-4033.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

At a special interest program open to the public and free of charge, 9.30 a.m., Thursday, Dec.11, chartered accountant **George Weinberger** and actuary **Ian Markham**, will describe How Changes in the Tax Laws Affect You. For further information contact **Randi Fine**, 225-2112, or **Lou Goldenberg**, 663-8653.

Included in courses at the centre are: Personal Grooming, 1-3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8 in the music room; Jewish Social Etiquette, 1-3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, in the library. Sign up for these today at the information desk, or for more details, call **Barbara Resnick**, 225-2112. Both courses are open to seniors over 65 free of charge.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 Plus and On Their Own, meets in the music room at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, when **Brian Elvey** will show slides on The Arts and Travel, from the Orient to Israel. This is for members only. A fee of $1 includes coffee.

at the jcc

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Members' registration for winter courses at the Bloor JCC commences Sunday, Dec. 7.

And on Dec. 7, Sunday at Bloor (for everyone) will showcase The Big Picture on the Small Screen, the World of TV and Film, Who Makes it Possible? with producer **Malcolm Silver** moderating a panel of three guests who work behind the scenes producing, writing and directing TV and film. Try to attend this interesting forum and brunch at 11.30 a.m. Admission is $4, including brunch.

Calling all downtown teens, 13 and up! A BBYO club is looking for new members. Join in for good times and new friends, on Sundays, 1 p.m., at the Bloor JCC. Phone **Sarah**, 924-6211, or **Brenda**, 635-9411, for additional information.

Israeli Folkdancing for adults is conducted at the N/E Valley branch of the JCC, 7015 Leslie St., 8.30 p.m. every Tuesday. Instructor **Sofie Azen** believes folkdancing is a fun way to exercise without the pain. Admission is $3 per person at the door. Everyone is welcome. For more details call **Rose Shapiro** or **Jodi Sherman**, at 889-0813.

Celebrate New Year's Eve and bring in 1987 with good friends and good cheer at the JCC Valley. Menu is a dinner buffet consisting of poached salmon, mushroom, chicken and vegetable crepes, caesar and pasta salads. A dessert buffet with fresh fruit baskets and other mouth watering delights, will be served at midnight. There will be a complimentary bar and champagne all night long.

Dance to the contemporary sound of the **Yitzhak Argaman** band. Tickets are available at the N/E Valley office. Make your reservations now as space is limited. Cost is $40 per person and dinner begins at 9 p.m. For more information and reservations, contact **Rose** or **Jodi**, at 889-0813.

The Early Childhood Services Department of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., presents its annual Gift Sale on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Don't miss this great opportunity to begin your holiday shopping. To inquire further, call **Sarah Atkinson**, 636-1880, ext. 229.

singles

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Are you wondering what to do on a Saturday night? Why not come to the **JCC Valley Singles Network Drop-in** (ages 35-50) for a relaxed evening of good conversation, music and light refreshment. This takes place at the JCC Valley, upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St., 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. Cost is $2 for members, $4, non-members. To inquire further, phone **Sally Kerbel**, 889-0813, or **Fran**, 731-5664.

B'nai B'rith Singles Lodge, ATIDEYNU, (20s-30s), will hold its next general meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the B'nai B'rith building, 15 Hove St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1. For more information, call **Steve**, 489-2692.

Spend New Year's in the country — Wednesday, Dec. 31 to Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound. Included will be a New Year's Eve Party, winter sports, all meals, transportation and much more. Phone the **Jewish Camp Council**, 964-8842.

Are you between 30 and 40 and interested in playing **contract bridge** on a regular basis? If so, call **Jerry**, 787-4352.

Family Mediation will be the topic when social worker **Robin Falkovich** speaks to the **JCC Valley Singles Support Group** at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., upstairs, (north of Steeles). This will be an opportunity for single parents and others to learn about working out their own separation and divorce agreements, child custody and access, and other related issues. Refreshments will be available. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non members. Call **Sally Kerbel**, for further details.

The **Young Professionals Club** invites all singles and single parents from Southern Ontario to attend its next house party, 8.30 p.m. at 569 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 709 (just east of Bathurst). Admission is $2.99 per person, including refreshments. For more information on this and other programs, call **Sheldon**, 783-7666.

Jeff Perlmutar welcomes you to a Super Singles Party 8.30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14 at the newest "in" spot in North York, Darling's Restaurant and Night Club, 4950 Yonge St. in the Madison Centre (two blocks north of Sheppard). Cover charge is $6. Door prizes are dinner for two at Darling's and a one year membership to The Fitness People. Tell your friends.

About People

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CSILLAG APPOINTMENT

The Toronto office of State of Israel Bonds has announced the appointment of **Ron Csillag** as director of public relations. For the past two years, Ron has been a reporter and writer for The Canadian Jewish News, covering a wide variety of subjects.

Prior to coming to The CJN, he worked at Global Television as producer of the National Edition, at CFCF Television in Montreal as line-up editor of TV news and as a reporter for The Suburban in Montreal.

Ron, 29, is a graduate of Concordia University in Montreal with a degree in history and journalism. He is married to **Deborah Berlach**, a lawyer.

ESSAY PRIZE WINNERS

Selma Opler and **Shirley Lipton** were presented with the Christopher Beattie Essay Prize at a ceremony held at Atkinson College, York University, recently.

The prize, named in memory of **Christopher Beattie**, former chairman of the department of sociology, who died in 1977, is awarded annually for the best essay in sociology on a Canadian topic.

The essay was a combined effort and examined the effects of gender, ethnicity and class on goals of teenagers from working and middle class areas in Toronto. It was based on a 10-year study conducted between 1969 and 1979 by **Stewart Crysdale**, a professor of sociology at Atkinson College.

Selma Opler is married with three children. She is only 3½ credits short of her BA in sociology.

Shirley Lipton is also married with three children. She obtained her BA in sociology this past June and is currently working towards her honors BA. This is the second award she has won, having received a Major Program Scholarship for outstanding achievement in sociology in 1984.

Organizations and People

UJA CAMPAIGN LIFE-LINE

Just about to get on the telephones after having dinner are some members of the Physicians Division. Standing from the left are: Drs. Mort Goldbach, Morris Goldfinger, Irving E. Rosen and Lawrence Leiter. Seated from the left are: Drs. Stuart Gordner, Harry Krakowsky, Irving Gottesman. With them is Yaki Eshel of Keren Hayesod.

As we get closer and closer to **Clean Sweep Week** (Dec. 7-10), a number of divisions are running telethons in an effort to get as many cards completed as possible before the final countdown.

For instance, in just one week there were at least five telethons — from Women's Division, Real Estate, to Physicians, Dentists and Synagogues.

Ten doctors took an evening out of their busy schedules to meet for dinner and get on the telephones. Attending physicians (couldn't resist that one, sorry) were: **Mort Goldbach, Morris Goldfinger, Stuart Gordner, Irving Gottesman, Joel Kirsh, Harry Krakowsky** (Health Professions Co-ordinator), **Howard Langer, Lawrence Leiter, Irving E. Rosen, Brian Schwartz.**

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At this seaon's final Dentists Division telethon, the "old guard" were joined by three newcomers — **Drs. Leslie Brickman, Lloyd Hoffman** and **Marshall Train,** brother of division co-chairman **Les Train.**

Among the veterans were **Drs. David Burstein, Allan Freedman, Hersh Glickman, Stan Jacobson, Russ Leve, Gordon Perlmutter** and **Harvey Taub.**

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Members of the Synagogue Division proved once again how totally dedicated a group they are. Ten of them showed up for an evening telethon on the day Toronto experienced its first snowstorm of the winter.

Co-chairman **David Stokes,** who had arrived home from Florida only the day before, came out as well.

Joining Stokes and his co-chairman **David West,** were **Jerry Genesove, Irving Green, Harry Handler, Charles Kasner, Joe Lester, Al Rich, Wild Yaphe** and **Max Zeifman.**

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Elaine Fink, Women's Division Telethon Co-ordinator, organized a super Sunday morning telephone canvass, resulting in an 11% increase on 270 cards which were successfully covered.

Joining Elaine at the Lipa Green Building were 18 canvassers — **Berta Bank, Sandi Bernstein, Brenda Bornstein, Lynn Cutler, Dorothy Halberstadt, Judy Hershberg, Susan Kahn, Noreen Kasman, Janice Langer, Etta Laxer, Pauline Maker, Sandra Maker, Diane Miller, Carol Segal, Roz Steiner, Sharon Stricker, Clara Tepner** and **Florence Weinberger.**

That's our telethon news for this week.

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Construction Division co-chairman **Jack Chisvin** and **David Marks** hosted a dinner gathering last Wednesday evening at the Lipa Green Building.

The division has been maintaining a 20% increase on the more than 230 cards already covered, the chairmen report.

Invitees were asked to bring in all their cards, the completed and the uncompleted for reassignment.

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We've been getting great "vibes" about three canvassers — one in the Lawyers Division, the other two in Accountants Division.

Lawyer **Bob Cohen** is really gung ho! Not only has he covered his own substantial number of cards, he has been taking telethon cards which he handled on his own time from his office or home.

Gerry Prenick, a past Accountants Division chairman, has recruited a crack team of veteran canvassers and has consistently followed up on each of them for great results.

And finally, there is **John Wiseman** who is almost running an accountants mini-campaign on his own, canvassing, writing letters to prospects, attending telethons and doing everything possible to put his division's 1987 campaign over the top.

Gentlemen, your special efforts have not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated. Many thanks!

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The Stashiver Society UJA luncheon meeting was not only a success as a fundraiser, but a special delight to those who attended, when **Zvi Garcy** arrived unannounced.

Zvi is a long-time favorite of the Society and in his honor, **Mrs. Rose Nepom** increased her original pledge. And **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith** declared they were doubling their UJA commitment to mark the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter.

UJA chairman for the Stashiver Society is **Henry Jaskolka,** president is **Shalom Hershkop. Gertie Kates** chairs the Women's Auxiliary.

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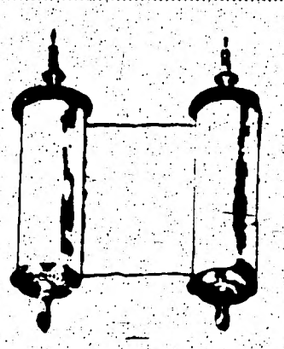
Note to canvassers — your help will be much appreciated on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening of Clean Sweep Week, that's December **8, 9** or **10.**

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. each evening on the fourth floor of the Lipa Green Building. We'd love you to join us.

Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Toldot

A tongue can kill quicker than a knife. One word can kill a friendship, a marriage, a career.

Once the Dubner Maggid visited a miser whose name was Yitzchak (Isaac). The miser refused to give a penny for a donation. Warned the Maggid: "If you don't give, people will think that you are a 'mamzer,' illegitimate."

The miser was astounded at this strange comment. Why should they call him a mamzer? Miser, yes — but mamzer?

Explained the Dubner: Our sages teach that after our Mother Sarah became pregnant with Isaac, the 'lietznei hador,' the scoffers of that generation, joked that the real father was not Abraham, but the Phillistine King Abimeleih, who had taken her hostage for a while.

What did the Almighty do? When Isaac was born, he formed Isaac's face to look just like his father Abraham's. Everyone had to announce: "Avraham holeed et Yitzchak: Abraham's the poppa!"

But what about those far away people, who never saw Abraham and couldn't recognize him? Abraham minted a special coin — on one side his face, on the other, Isaac's face. The whole world could see the resemblance.

But if Isaac — and the Dubner pointed at the miser — refuses to let anyone see a coin, then they will go back to saying that Isaac is a mamzer. (Ituray Torah)

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A mean word can destroy, a cruel joke can tear down.

Once Reb Mendel of Rimnov pointed heavenward and said: "You see those heavens? By 'laitzanut,' by mockery, it is possible to prove that they don't exist!"

And he added: "If Pharoah of Egypt would have understood the power of laitzanut, ridiculing everything — the Jews would still be slaves in Egypt!"

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No one is safe from the power of ridicule, of back-biting.

Consider . . . Father Abraham was no weakling. He was called the "Ivri," the Hebrew, from the word "aiver," the side. What does that mean?

Abraham was on one side of the world, and the rest of humankind on the other. They served idols; he served an invisible God. He refused to bow to Nimrod, the most powerful dictator of that time. He battled an alliance of kings that was all powerful. Nothing stopped him.

But when it came to the "laitzanei hador," the cynics, the bad mouthers, the scoffers — God Himself had to help him out! Even the greatest hero couldn't overcome people's gossip.

A Jew should never be afraid of what people think, what people say. Whatever we do, there will be someone to find faults, to criticize. You have to do what you have to do. You have to see the right, the good, the kind, the fair, the Truth, and go ahead.

The less you worry about what people say — the less they say.

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Said the Chidushay Hareem: why are the people who did all the talking called "aitznim," mockers and scorners? Why not "rishaim," the wicked?

And he explained: the people who scoffed that Isaac was not the true son of Abraham themselves knew the truth. They knew! But they still wanted to talk, just for the sake of talking, of mocking cruelly.

A Jewish mouth must be full of honey, of good words, of encouragement. If we must criticize, there is a good subject. Ourselves!

Shabbat Shalom.

Focus on legal issues in education

Does the school board have to pay?

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A high school dismisses classes at 11.30 one morning instead of its regular time of 4 p.m. and encourages its pupils to view a parade downtown. A student finds a ride with a friend and on the way, their car is involved in an accident. The parents sue the school. Do they have a cause of action?

A senior teacher at a school, well after school hours, voluntarily supervised a hockey rink belonging to the school but used by the public. The school board tolerated that use, but did not authorize it. An 11-year-old girl was struck by a hockey stick used by a 16-year-old boy and lost her eye. Is the school liable?

Those are some of the tricky legal issues that can arise in the normal course of running a school, and to help acquaint school principals and supervisors with the complexities of our litigous society, the 4th annual conference of the Association of Day School Administrators and Principals was held recently in Niagara Falls, NY.

Addressing such issues and tackling the conference theme of the moral and legal responsibilities of the educator was Judge Marvin Zuker, an Ontario provincial court judge and author.

Zuker, scholar-in-residence at the 3-day conference, discussed topics that ranged from torts that affect school boards to the rights of access to student records.

Educators play a unique role in society, Zuker told the 50 conference participants. A "board of education is vicariously liable for all acts of negligence performed by its employees and volunteers acting in the scope of their employment or within the scope of their authority.

"The duty of care is to protect the pupil from all forseeable risks of harm...to act as a reasonably prudent parent" would in the circumstances, he said.

Zuker reviewed a number of possible trouble spots — including gym classes, science labs and the classroom — while noting incidents where courts found schools liable and other cases where they did not.

Zuker touched on the liability of a school for the negligence of a bus company hired to transport the children to and from school. In some cases, depending on the guidelines presented the bus company, the school remains responsible for the passengers, in other cases, the bus company, acting as an independent contractor, is responsible, he stated.

The question of who should have access to school records is one that has concerned people in education for a number of years, Zuker said.

After reviewing the Ontario Education Act and other relevant legislation, Zuker stated that both natural or adoptive parents have the right of access to their children's records.

Employers may also have access to those files if their request is accompanied by written authorization from the former pupil if the pupil is an adult or from his or her parents where the student is a minor, he noted.

Furthermore, "a child or his parents would be well within their rights when appealing the contents of a student records to have expunged those matters which do not comply with" regulations under the Education Act.

Zuker also noted that children have the right to be protected from abuse. Teachers and others who have "reasonable grounds to suspect a child is or may be suffering from abuse shall report the suspicion and the information" to a children's aid society, he said.

Zuker also reviewed the rights of teachers to be free of unjustified discipline and he cited the rights of teachers to be warned and assisted if potential termination is involved.

For the educators present, the conference afforded the opportunity to "get an awareness of where we stand," according to Pnina Spetgang, co-chairperson for the event.

Maintaining adequate documentation on all potentially litigous events is a lesson learned from Zuker's presentations, she added.

But beyond expanding their horizons on the moral and legal responsibility of the educator, those present were able to meet in an informal atmosphere and "catch up on education in general" — on new trends and ideas in Jewish schools in Toronto.

Schools from all streams of Judaism were represented at the conference, she said, and they showed that "achdut am Yisrael," the unity of the Jewish people, can be a reality.

On hand were representatives from Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Beth Tikvah Congregational School, Bialik Hebrew Day School, the Board of Jewish Education, Community Hebrew Academy, Downtown Jewish Community School, Eitz Chaim Day Schools, Leo Baeck Day School, Temple Sinai Religious School, United Synagogue Day Schools and Or Haemet.

Summing up, Spetgang said the ultimate lesson derived from the conference was to "use common sense and look at any situation as though you were a parent."

What would a parent have done in the two situations cited earlier? They would not have sent a pupil to view a parade without adequate supervision — the school should have notified the parents and obtained permission to allow a child to vary from his or her usual route home. In this case, the parents could sue the school.

The misfortune of the unlucky girl who lost her eye would continue, however. The school board would not be liable since it "had no duty to provide for the entertainment of the public or make the school or any of its facilities available to the public outside normal school hours."

The day after the affair they'll still be talking.

We know food makes the affair.

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Organizations and People

Toronto Sun reporter tells horror story

League's Shefman analyzes who's who of hate

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Vigilance, not panic is the best response to the presence of extremist organizations in this country, speakers at a recent forum on Current Anti-Semitic Groups In Canada agreed.

Sponsored by the Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education Committee, the program featured Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights and B. J. Del Conte, Toronto Sun reporter and author of a 4-part series on the World Congress of Aryan Nations.

The symposium was part of Holocaust Education Month, coordinated by the Toronto Jewish Congress Holocaust Education Month Committee, and held in a meeting room at Shaarei Shomayim. Committee member Harvey Ash was the moderator.

While Shefman presented a general overview and prognosis of hate groups in Canada, Del Conte painted a specific portrait of increasingly sophisticated and desperate people busily preparing their children to fulfil their world view.

But their combined message was that through cautious law enforcement and the protection of the Canadian legal system extremist groups can be controlled if not eradicated.

"Anti-semitism in many ways has never changed; in other ways it has adopted new guises to send out the message of Jew hatred, and nothing is more important than the aura of conspiracy," said Shefman.

Today among these groups, said Shefman, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, (even though it has been well refuted), is still cherished; Zionist has become synonymous with a derogatory term for Jew; and the denial of the Holocaust increasingly important.

But the situation in Canada is very different from that of the U.S., Shefman emphasized.

"In Canada, we do not see the same pattern, even from groups of the same name," he said.

League for Human Rights surveys show no relationship between the activities of hate groups and manifestations of anti-semitism from 1983 to 1985 — the year Zundel and Keegstra were tried, he continued.

"We didn't see it, we checked our data with the Metropolitan Toronto Police and didn't see it."

And the number of incidents declined in 1985, Shefman added, giving a who's who of hate:

• **Ernst Zundel:** An independent operator with a small cadre around him, but not well liked by other groups. And this is true of most groups, said Shefman — that they are not exceptionally social people. Zundel is awaiting the outcome of his appeal in February.

• **John Ross Taylor:** Has been in jail for passing hate propoganda. Also an outsider who sat in on both Zundel's and James Keegstra's trials. The "godfather" of hate groups, according to Shefman. "I don't see him as being effective at all."

• **National Socialist Party / KKK:** These groups have largely disappeared, said Shefman, the latter, since the jailing of the KKK leader for a series of crimes.

• **Christian Defence League:** Established in 1984 and first led by Terry Long, who ultimately quit because they were not radical enough. They formed to support James Keegstra and are composed of some old Social Credit Party members, and a fringe of fundamentalist Christian groups.

• **Canadian League of Rights:** In operation since the 1950s, they distribute mostly innocuous pieces of literature such as On Target. They are: anti-abortion, anti-Communism, anti-Trudeau, anti-women's rights, anti-fluoridation. They deny the Holocaust and believe in the Jewish conspiracy, and through their mailings and other forms of outreach make contact with many other organizations.

• **Party of the Commonwealth of Canada:** This Lyndon Larouche offshoot has unsuccessfully run candidates at the municipal, provincial and federal levels and is particularly active in Quebec.

• **Aryan Nations:** Headed by Terry Long with quarters in Caroline, Alta. Because Long runs a lumber operation there people have jumped to conclusions, says Shefman, who spent two weeks in Alberta and spoke with intelligence people there. "We do not have an Aryan Nations threat in this country in the sense of armed groups running around. Terry Long has no more built a bunkhouse than he has an outhouse."

The solution to these groups, said Shefman, is in prevention and public education. The League, he added will be pressing for improved legislation to deal with hatemongers.

The last time he was in a house of worship, observed B. J. Del Conte, it was in the midst of unimaginably beautiful scenery and the outpouring of unimaginably heinous ideas.

Del Conte spent three days in July at the U.S. headquarters of the Aryan Nations in Hayden Lake, Idaho with U.S. leader Richard Butler, Canadian leader, Terry Long, and about 500 members of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian.

He and his associate had covered murders and other difficult stories, Del Conte said, "but nothing prepared us for that mid-July weekend."

Hitler was described as a great leader and Zundel and Keegstra as martyrs; members openly boasted of killing people.

"Their commitment and zeal know no bounds. They are prepared to sacrifice their children and themselves for their goals."

And the groups are becoming more sophisticated in their approach.

They are manipulating language to make their activities more palatable (saying "cross laying" instead of cross burning); using computer networks to spread their message; producing a television show, Race and Reason, which they can get on the air in the U.S. and are trying to get on satellite, said Del Conte.

He added that a friend infiltrated a group a few years ago and once accepted, was offered missiles and yellow cake, a constituent element of nuclear weapons.

"Beyond all this, they have the ultimate weapon — God...It is not my God."

What these individuals share, he said, is the fear of a hundred things they do not understand. "Unfortunately, Aryan Nations has given them an answer."

But, perhaps the worst aspect, said Del Conte, is that these people are passing on their values to their children, indoctrinating them with hate and teaching them how to accomplish their goals.

Young recruits give the salute at an Aryan Nations ceremony at their Hayden Lake headquarters near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. [Lee Lamothe photo, courtesy The Toronto Sun]

Anti-Zionists return to anti-Israel programs

By
JOE POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON —

Anti-Zionist Jewish Americans have returned to anti-Israel programs sponsored by the Palestine Human Rights Campaign and other groupings including Liberty Lobby Inc. and former congressmen and U.S. officials.

Noam Chomsky, the M.I.T. Linguistics professor, joined Rev. Allan Boesak, the South African clergyman, at the Palestinian group's recent national conference in Chicago which discussed such topics as Bantustans in the Promised Land: Israel Apartheid and Palestinian Resistance, "Confronting Zionist Systems" and Unity in Diversity: Beyond Sabra and Shatila.

In a petition drive urging Congress to "reopen the investigation" of "a deliberate" attack by Israel on the U.S.S. Liberty in 1967, speakers at a press conference were announced as including Alfred Lilienthal and Elmer Berger. Others named were former Congressmen Paul Findley and Pete McCloskey. Liberty Lobby Inc. and America First Inc. were also listed in a circular.

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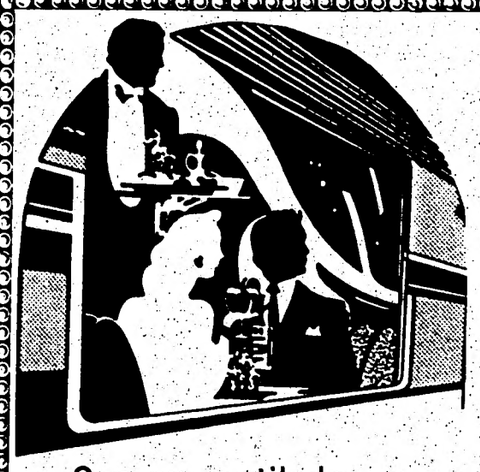

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Organizations and People

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Baycrest's "Grand Lady" Dora Anna Till dies

TORONTO —

Dora Anna Till, the "Grand Lady of Baycrest Centre," died recently in Baycrest Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Till moved to Toronto with her parents Max and Yetta Tobias, at the age of 4. Her long association with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care began in 1950 when she was asked to chair the decor and home furnishings committee for a new Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital.

In 1955 she founded the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, eventually building it into an organization whose membership today stands at more than 3,400.

Although she retired as president of the auxiliary in 1959, Till maintained an active involvement in the organization. She was an honorary life member of the auxiliary as well as an honorary officer of the board of directors of Baycrest Centre.

In 1972, Mrs. Till, along with Sam Ruth and Dr. Sydney Wax, founded the Baycrest Heritage Museum, now renamed the Kanner Heritage Museum.

After marrying Morris Till, she joined the Hebrew Maternity Aid Society which provided care for expectant mothers and needy families. In 1920 she was one of the founders of the Mothers' and Babes' Summer Rest Home in Bronte, Ont. and was its president for 15 years.

Over the years Till also worked with the Family and Child Service Bureau, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the Ontario Society on Aging, United Community Appeal, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Federation of Women's Organizations, Associated Hebrew Schools, YM & YWHA, and Beth Tzedec Synagogue and Sisterhood.

She received many honors during her lifetime. On the occasion of the silver anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II, she received a citation accompanied by a silver medal. She was the first woman to receive the Ben Sadowski Award from the United Jewish Welfare Fund in recognition of community service.

Dora Till

In 1983, the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary announced that the 7th floor of the new Baycrest Hospital would be donated in her honor. It is now called the Dora Till Patient Care Floor.

Till was predeceased by her husband Morris in 1977, daughter Cecile and son Sigmund. She is survived by son-in-law Frank Goldhar and his wife Margie, granddaughter Shaila and her husband Ken Gottlieb, grandson Myer Goldhar and his wife Jennifer and four great-grandchildren.

Michlalah's Copperman set to address alumnae

TORONTO —

Rabbi Yehuda Copperman, founder and rector of Michlalah, the Jerusalem College for Women, will address alumnae here early next week. He will also be honored for his contributions to women's education that is both technologically state-of-the-art and traditional in outlook.

About a dozen Toronto-area girls, including some graduates from Bais Yaakov High School for Girls, are among the school's current enrolment of about 750.

Michlalah is observing its 25th year of operation.

On a mountainside in the Bayit Vegan neighborhood of Jerusalem, Michlalah offers some 500 courses taught by a staff of 175 teachers. Included are majors in Jewish studies, Hebrew language and literature, English language and literature, science, mathematics, computer science, music, special education, early childhood education, and guidance and counseling.

Newly introduced this year are: a joint nursing and B.Ed. in science program,

Rabbi Copperman

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The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum School of Education is among Michlalah's faculties.

Education and Bible scholar Copperman, from Ireland, started Michlalah 25 years ago with 23 students in two rented apartments. It was the first degree-granting teachers' training college to be recognized by Israel's ministry of education.

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Financial stability Isenbaum's goal

Mount Sinai's image wins

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

The sad part about fund raising is that some people are just under givers, the new chairman of Mount Sinai Hospital says.

"The fun in having money is being able to give it away while you're still alive," Hy Isenbaum said. "Some people haven't learned that lesson yet."

Isenbaum, founder and senior partner in Soberman, Isenbaum & Columby, Chartered Accountants, says the first rule for any fund raiser is to know the product thoroughly and the good it can do.

Mount Sinai's strong points — what in fact he sells to potential individual or corporate donors — is the image the hospital holds out to the Jewish community.

The hospital is one of the first areas where the non-Jewish community comes into contact with the Jewish community. He said the hospital's high regard in the community at-large enhances the Jewish image in the non-Jewish community.

"We're determined to get across the message that Mount Sinai's not just a Jewish hospital but one under Jewish auspices and that it should be supported by the entire community."

Isenbaum said in some cases the hospital's reputation will convince people to donate ... "or we take them on a tour of the neonatal unit — that will do it every time.

"People have a right to put their (charitable) dollars where they want" but you just try to get a larger piece of the pie."

Isenbaum, whose basic function as chairman is long-range strategic planning (president and chief operating officer Gerald Turner looks after day-to-day business), said his goal is to establish the financial stability of the hospital for generations to come.

"I hope to build a foundation with a $50 million capital fund during the next five years to basically pay for research (the new Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute) so that it can be self sustaining and take the pressure off the rest of the hospital," he said. "The hospital does not and cannot spend patient-care dollars on research."

Two relatively new approaches to fund raising include selling $1 million chairs in the research department and seeking sponsorship of certain projects by charitable foundations.

The 9-storey research tower, which was paid for entirely by the community and is capable of going up another nine floors, "was first class from the first day.

"We hired brilliant researchers and this in turn attracted young doctors who wanted to work with them. Eventually they will join our staff and become involved with patient care and teaching other doctors."

Hy Isenbaum

He explained that this example illustrates how a hospital's three pillars — patient care, teaching and research — all feed off each other.

"There is no fourth pillar so our objective is to strive for excellence," he said. "We're on the threshold of being first-class in all three areas but maintaining that level requires much money."

Expand fund raising

In stressing that the research institute is "a national crown jewel," he said he would like to expand the fund raising horizons and seek donors, either individuals or corporations, coast-to-coast.

"The eradication of disease serves the entire world not just those people who are Jewish."

This perspective is evident in the hospital's outreach program to the adjacent Toronto Chinese community. The program involved explaining the hospital's role, hiring Chinese interpreters (in addition to the interpreters already on staff), putting up Chinese hospital signs, and bringing in Chinese meals.

"We gained the confidence of the Chinese community," he said. "They now view the hospital as theirs."

The Chinese community has held two fund raising events — a dinner dance and a Monte Carlo night — which raised more than $250,000.

"They've never done anything like that before," he said, adding that a plaque will be hung in the hospital honoring their efforts.

"The Chinese community is not about to rest on its laurels. The people are proud of how they helped their hospital."

Isenbaum, an avid runner who does his daily four miles regardless of weather — "It's a beautiful feeling running in the rain," — has been a board member since 1970.

However, his connection to the hospital predates that by about 20 years to when he was working for the firm of David Vise & Co., Chartered Accountants.

"One of my first assignments was with National Motor. The late Ben Sadowski, the president, led a group of prominent Jewish businessmen who were moving the hospital from its Yorkville Ave. location to University Ave. (the present site of Queen Elizabeth Hospital).

"We had a chemistry and discussed what was going on — I was like a fly on the wall at all the meetings," he said.

"Sadowski (the second chairman of the hospital board) was the driving force that turned the hospital into a teaching hospital," he added. "He got me involved in the hospital and in charitable giving."

Isenbaum's interest and involvement in health care and research is not limited to Mount Sinai. He is also chairman of the board of Reliacare Inc. and a governor of both Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

"I'm fascinated by research and enjoy sitting through technical lectures even if half goes over my head."

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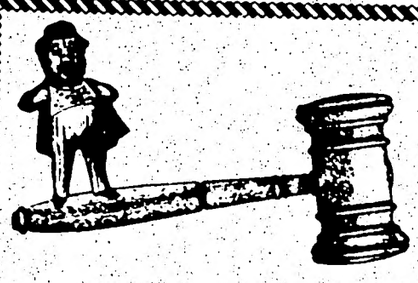

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Organizations and People

Giant enclosed farmers' market

New multicultural mall has festive opening

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — Ethnic dancers, clowns and stilt walkers marked the recent festive opening of a giant enclosed farmers' market on Steeles Ave. one block west of Dufferin St.

As hundreds looked on, North York Mayor Mel Lastman participated in a fun-filled food obstacle course including carving a roast, chopping fudge and scissoring fettucini before cutting a red ribbon to officially open the multicultural Steeles West Market.

The $20 million project — designed, built and owned by Solray Investments Ltd. — features a specialty food market, a fast food court and a world market bazaar with 200 craft and general merchandise shops. Beginning next spring, there will also be a large garden centre and outdoor farmers' market with 50 vendors.

"You can drive forever in downtown Toronto finding all the shopping we have here under one roof," boasts Michael Halbert, Solray's 31-year-old president.

Halbert, together with first cousin Jordan Rose, 25, vice-president, and their 85-year-old chairman grandfather Saul Saltzman, conceived the idea for the market after researching Toronto shopping which they decided was dull and unoriginal.

They felt the 15-acre site they owned at 2375 Steeles Ave. W. would be an ideal location for a large farmer's market because of the large multicultural influx to the area, the excellent transportation and the lack of adequate neighborhood shopping facilities.

"We saw all these homes going up," says Halbert. "We saw we had absolutely the fastest growing areas in the region immediately to our north in Vaughan, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Markham and Woodbridge."

As a result, they developed the concept for a festival suburban marketplace and set about renovating an existing industrial - commercial building on their property.

Since then, the thousands of visitors to the 7-day-a-week market have been able to buy everything from sushi and moussaka to matzoh balls and latkes.

In addition to the many butchers, bakers, grocers and candymakers, there are also dozens of crafts and general merchandise shops featuring such things as gigantic handmade flowers, fine art, family fashions, toys and bronze etchings. The mall has 1,200 parking spaces on seven acres of land next to the building.

Sheridan Nurseries has opened a flower shop and in March, will begin operation of its largest garden centre, taking up 10% of the building's entire 250,000 square foot area.

"We have proven a suburban festival marketplace is a magnificent and successful idea and we've proven people like to have fun seven days a week," said Halbert, who adds the mall will feature special events including music bands and choirs.

The market's hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, to 9.30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The fast food court will soon be open for breakfast at 7 a.m. weekdays.

For more information, call 663-9270.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman (centre) joins Michael Halbert, president of Solray Investments Ltd., (right) and Jordan Rose, vice-president, in the official opening ceremony for Steeles West Market.

Teens enjoy NCSY retreat

GANANOQUE, Ont. — NCSY's first regional fall retreat, held at the Country Squire Resort in this small, picturesque, Thousand Islands area town, was an overflowing success, Rabbi Nosson Westreich, regional director for Central Canada says.

Jewish Activism was the theme that brought 175 participants from Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa and Hamilton for three days of education and fun organized by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. The demand to attend was so great, organizers had to turn away 75 eager teenagers for lack of space, says Westreich.

Making the event memorable, he says, were the presence of scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Ronald Greenwald, instrumental through private negotiations in securing the release of Anatoly Scharansky, and an Iranian Jew who spoke about his experience in leaving his country.

Other highlights of the program included a simulated Canadian Jewish Congress meeting described as a "values clarification exercise," the Wizard of Ot, a 4-man illusion show, and continuous performances by a rock band composed of Zale Newman, Chaim Shainhouse and Dave Kerzner.

Designed for teenagers, grades 9-13, the retreat attracted participants from a variety of backgrounds, says Westreich, all the way from public schools to yeshivot, plus a group of Sephardic Jews from Montreal.

"It had a real international flavor," he says, "and that is the uniqueness of NCSY — that you can gather such a broad spectrum of kids under one roof."

Chapters continue to be formed, and there will be ongoing Shabbatonim and conventions in the different centres of the region, he says, including the development of Shabbat clubs and informal Shabbatonim in private homes.

For more information, phone (416) 782-3117 or (416) 782-5422.

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Westreich also reports that the NCSY-sponsored Toronto Jewish Floor Hockey League which started earlier this month has become a "speedy success."

Coordinated by Alan Teller for teenagers grades 8-10 and 11-13, the league already has 120 players — but is still looking to expand.

Games are played Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 and are refereed by Steven Fruitman and Adam Myerowitz.

It's a great way for kids of various backgrounds to come out and meet each other, says Westreich.

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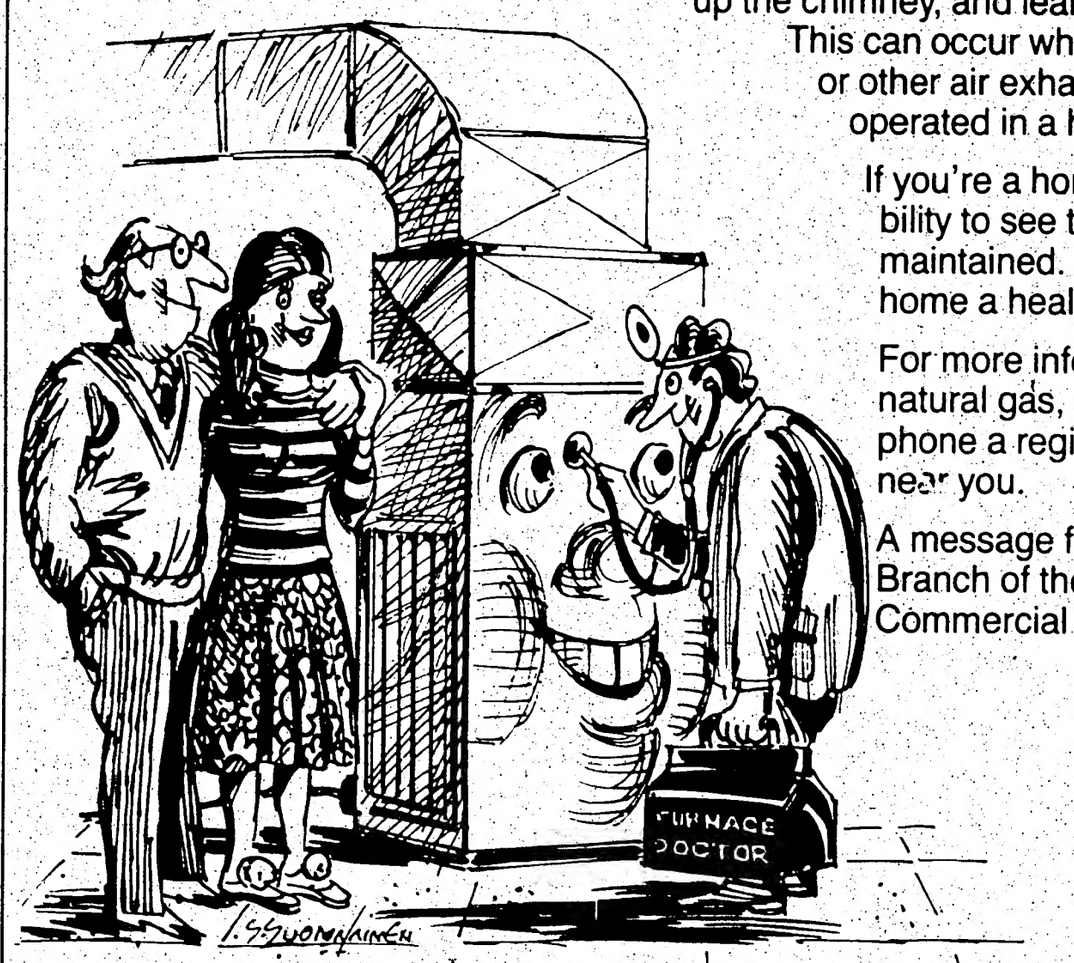

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Organizations and People

Intensive teaching of Jewish values vital

Israeli education system needs overhaul: rabbi

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
After a year in Israel studying the Israeli education system, Hamilton Hebrew Academy principal Rabbi William Eisenstein has returned with a plea for tolerance and the conviction that more intensive teaching of Jewish values is essential.

Eisenstein was one of 24 educators from around the world who spent a year in Jerusalem on a grant from the Pinkus Foundation of the World Zionist Organization.

His reluctant conclusion is "that the (non-religious) education system in Israel has failed" because it has neglected to teach basic Jewish values.

Yet, he stresses that he is "totally optimistic" that educators in Israel will solve their problems. "I see people sitting down and talking and looking for solutions," he says, expressing confidence in their ability to find solutions.

If anything, Israel's problems have served to strengthen Eisenstein's conviction that the key to Jewish survival is not only "intensive education and teacher training" but that "Jewish values must be taught by people with knowledge and understanding of Jewish values . . . who can transmit these values without creating conflict."

The education system in Israel has failed, said the rabbi, because the new generation of Israelis do not have these Jewish values.

He explained that Israel has two government-sponsored education systems: non-religious and religious.

In 1948 Israel's founders recognized that the country was made up of numerous factions, he said. "They had to find a common thread (for the non-religious schools) and that common thread was tradition."

But while these leaders themselves had grown up in mainly religious and traditional environments and had retained their respect for Jewish values and traditions, the new generation growing up in the non-religious stream was being educated without these basic values, the rabbi stated.

One inadvertent result has been that "nationalism has become the primary value in contrast to being Jewish," said Eisenstein. It manifests itself in such things as demand for bus service and movies on Shabbat, non-religious weddings and in "yordim wanting to leave Israel in droves. The ripple effect of all this is religious strife.

Rabbi William Eisenstein

"It really came as a surprise to us that Jewish values are not being defined in Israeli education" but top educators they met in Jerusalem and Haifa recognized this, he said, "and they are now seeking answers."

At the Hamilton school, "we have succeeded in bridging the gap between the various religious denominations."

Most pupils come from non-Orthodox homes but its enrolment of 235 is the highest it has been in the school's 24-year history and for the first time, the pre-school program has a waiting list.

Hamilton has been fortunate, concludes Rabbi Eisenstein, in being able to find teachers who cannot only teach Jewish values and who live by these values but are also "able to walk the middle road."

Ontario establishes commission

Pay equity "time is now"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In an effort to eliminate wage discrimination between the sexes, the Ontario government has introduced pay equity legislation for the private and part of the public sectors.

In presenting the bill to the Ontario legislature, Attorney General Ian Scott said since the wage gap between men and women in the workforce decreased by only 4% in the past 17 years, it became necessary for the government to become involved.

The pay equity or equal pay for work of equal value legislation is aimed at ending wage discrimination for women in private sector firms, with 10 or more workers and the broader public sector — which includes municipalities, school boards, universities and hospitals.

"We believe, fundamentally, that the work women do — in offices, stores, hospitals and schools across the province — is valuable not only to those businesses and institutions but to society as a whole," Scott said. "We believe that the time has come to assure that gender discrimination, conscious or unconscious, has no place in our society or in our workplace."

Under the proposed law, a pay equity plan will be mandatory for all employers in the broader public sector and for employers with over 100 employees in the private sector. While the plan will not be mandatory for firms with less than 100 employees, Scott said those employers will also be expected to make wage adjustments if pay inequities exist.

It will be implemented in stages with the public sector being the first to feel its effect two years after being proclaimed. Three years after proclamation, companies with 500 employees

Ian Scott

and over will come under its jurisdiction, four years for companies under 500 employees, five years for firms with less than 100 employees and six years after the bill is passed into law wage adjustments will start for private sector companies with 10 to 49 employees.

To oversee and monitor the pay equity plan, the government will establish a pay equity commission. It will advise employers and employees of their rights under the law and hear and investigate complaints and may order compliance and impose fines.

In making comparisons to determine pay equity, Scott said comparisons will be made in an employer's own establishment. To be eligible for comparison, a job category must in general be 60% female dominated or 70% male dominated.

While acknowledging that the legislation will not affect some workers in female-dominated jobs, such as childcare workers, Scott said this issue will be examined as soon as the pay equity commission is established and action taken so that wage adjustments can be made.

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Host Rabbi: Dow Marmur, Senior Rabbi, Holy Blossom Temple.

Sermon: The Reverend Stanford R. Lucyk, Minister, Royal York Road United Church.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, as well as clergy of other religious denominations, will be participating.

This Service, which has been held each year since 1955, has been made possible by an anonymous donor in memory of the late Chief Justice of Ontario, the former Treasurer of The Law Society of Upper Canada - The Honourable Newton Wesley Rowell.

All members of the profession and the public are invited to attend.

The Law Society of Upper Canada will provide bus transportation from the main entrance of Osgoode Hall to Holy Blossom Temple, and return, and the buses will leave Osgoode Hall at 10:45 a.m.

Organizations and People

Scharansky deal: Rabbi outlines role

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

"What Jew could say no."

Rabbi Ronald Greenwald of New York said that was his response to being asked by a member of the Israeli Knesset to help with the release of Anatoly Scharansky.

Greenwald, widely credited with being a key player in the negotiations which led to Russia releasing Scharansky, told an audience of more than 100 Sunday night at B'nai Torah Congregation that he was at the 1977 World Conference of Synagogues in Jerusalem when the verbal exchange transpired.

Political contacts crucial

He and his wife were invited to the Knesset member's home the next day where they met others on the release-Scharansky team.

Greenwald, who said he believes he was approached because of the political contacts he made while working for the election campaigns of Nelson Rockefeller and Richard Nixon in the 70s, was handed a copy of a letter to President Jimmy Carter. Robert Thompson, a convicted Soviet agent jailed in Pennsylvania, requested amnesty.

"Scharansky's in Russia awaiting his trial so we decided why not propose a swap — Thompson for Scharansky."

Greenwald said a telex had been sent to Wolfgang Vogel, an East German lawyer who specializes in brokering the release of people imprisoned in, or wanting to leave, Eastern-bloc countries.

"He agreed to meet us. It was the first ray of hope that someone would listen to us."

But the hope would be short-lived.

Vogel told him the Soviets offered a counter-proposal (which materialized) — Thompson for Miron Marcus. He was an Israeli living in South Africa who had been flying his father-in-law's private plane when bad weather forced him to land in Mozambique. He was picked up, charged with spying and put in solitary confinement.

"Who am I to say no to that," he said. "If you have the opportunity to save a Jew, who can turn it down."

Greenwald, who owns a commodities brokerage firm, said that this successful exchange prompted Scharansky's wife, Avital, who was living in Israel, to contact him for help.

The experience also proved a valuable lesson in spy swapping.

"I was at a disadvantage with Vogel. In chess, you may give up a pawn or even a queen to protect your king. My king — Scharansky — was always exposed but sometimes Vogel told me indirectly who the Soviet king was."

The next possible swap was also nixed. The Russians wanted Major Alexei Kozlov, a KGB agent being held in South Africa. A snag developed when West Germany, who had tipped South Africa to Kozlov's presence, demanded that the swap involve West Germans trapped in the East. This deal eventually evolved.

As relations between the US and Russia had become strained, "we had to wait for the right time."

In November 1985, Greenwald attended Vogel's birthday party at his invitation and "as we were walking out of the room he said "it's a go" referring to a deal for Scharansky.

President Ronald Reagan had raised the idea of an exchange with Mikhail Gorbachev at the U.S.-Soviet summit meeting in Geneva. Reagan also phoned West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and asked for his cooperation as the swap would take place in his country.

At 5 a.m. on Feb. 11, Scharansky was released in a swap involving eight others. Even at the end, Greenwald said the deal was almost squashed — by Scharansky himself.

Soviets demanded Tehillim

"The Russian guards demanded that he empty his pockets there on the Glienicke Bridge (which separates East Germany and West Berlin) and leave his possessions in the East," Greenwald said. "His wife had a Tehillim (a book of psalms) smuggled into him and they took it.

"He sat down on the bridge and refused to budge. How many people faced with freedom would do that. The Russians gave in eventually."

Scharansky was whisked from West Berlin to Frankfurt, where he was reunited with his wife, and then on to Israel.

The Greenwald lecture was jointly sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth and the Adult Education Committee of B'nai Torah Congregation.

PETERSON MEETS WITH JEWISH LEADERS

Canadian Jewish Congress/Toronto Jewish Congress representatives met recently with Ontario Premier David Peterson to discuss items on the Jewish agenda, namely: funding for Jewish education, social policy (elderly, daycare), religious education in the public schools. Seated from left to right: Mira Koschitzky, Rose Wolfe, David Satok. Standing, left to right: Ronald Appleby, Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, Charles Zaionz, Premier Peterson, Les Scheininger, Steve Ain.

Van to help food agency deliver

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The statistics can stagger the imagination. Right here, in well-to-do, affluent Toronto, 28,000 meals and 8,000 food hampers per week are dished out to the hungry by 50 community and social service agencies.

One of the organizations distributing food to these agencies is Second Harvest, which recently received a boost to its delivery efforts when, at a ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square, the three corporations behind the Pepsi, Orange Crush and 7-Up trade names presented the agency with a van.

Delivery of the van will help the 1½-year-old organization pick up and distribute surplus food to 52 social service agencies, soup kitchens and shelters, according to Andrea Lewis, operation manager at Second Harvest.

"Hunger is a big problem in Toronto," Lewis said. So far, in 1986, nearly 500,000 lbs of food has been delivered by more than 150 Second Harvest volunteers.

The type of donated food varies according to the donor: restaurants and bakeries give day-old bread while grocers and supermarkets provide produce that is no longer in top condition.

Second Harvest even picks up leftover food from weddings and other celebrations.

(Roger Hyman announced recently the formation of Mazon Canada, a Jewish organization which calls on those celebrating simchas to tithe 3% of their food costs to agencies dealing with hunger alleviation.)

One Jewish participant in Second Harvest has been the Holy Blossom Temple. So far, the Holy Blossom's committee on hunger has held two food drives and given the proceeds to Second Harvest, according to Sandy Wise, coordinator of the Temple's department for Jewish living.

Usually the food is non-perishable canned and packaged goods donated around holiday time while during Succoth perishable foods were given.

Holy Blossom plans to hold another food drive at Passover when people clean their cupboards of chometz, Wise added.

With the Christmas season coming up, Second Harvest is asking "anybody whose company is having a Christmas party to arrange for Second Harvest to pick up the leftovers," Lewis said.

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Adding two portables not an easy task

Netivot HaTorah overcomes obstacles to grow

TORONTO —

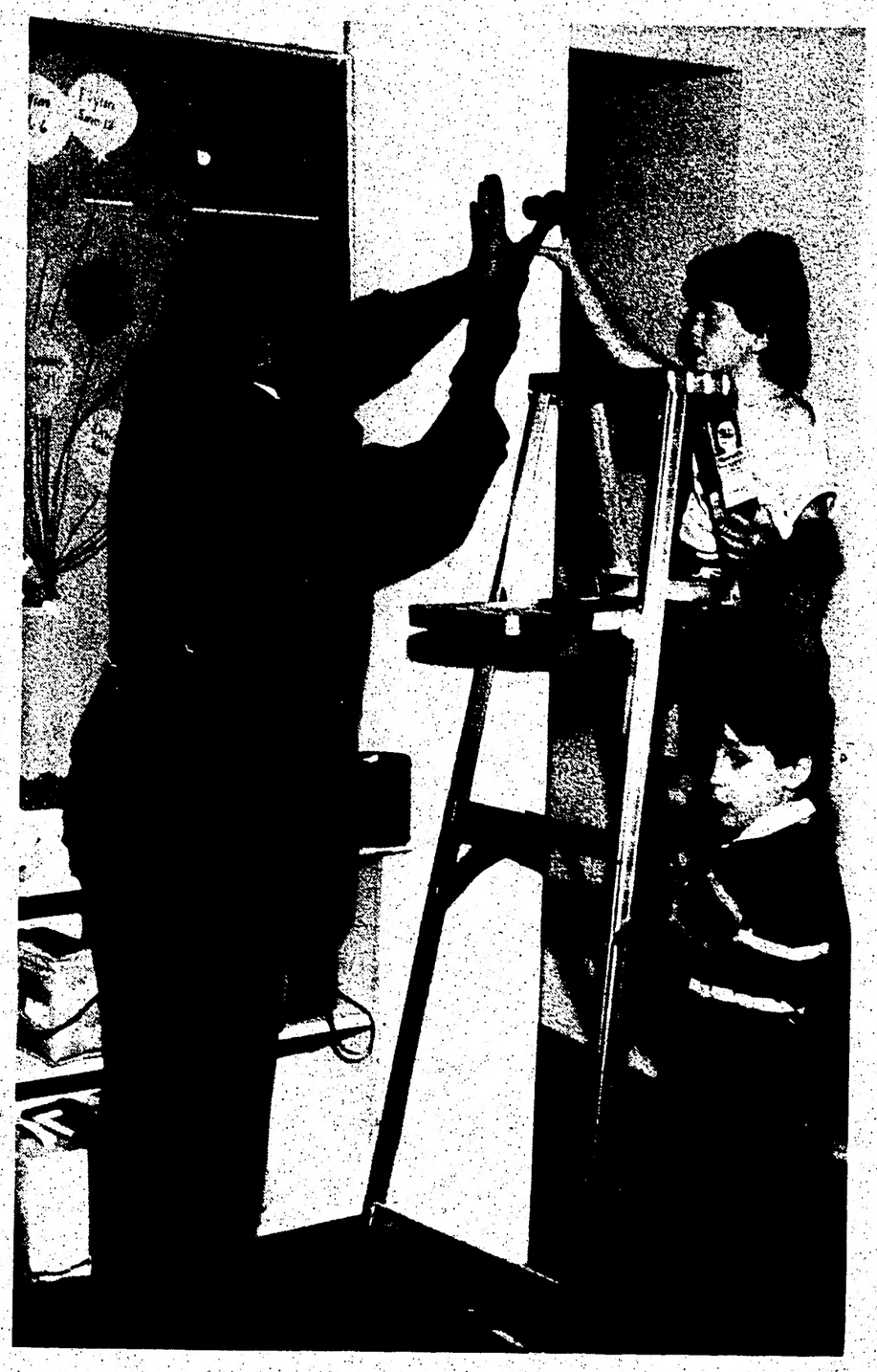
A once-upon-a-time story of overcoming practical and legal obstacles ended happily recently when Netivot HaTorah Orthodox Zionist Day School added two portable classrooms to accommodate its growing student body.

Netivot HaTorah began two years ago in the facilities of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am congregation with a junior kindergarten class, a senior kindergarten class and a grade 1 class for a combined total of 40 students.

Since then, the school has doubled the number of each of its initial classes and has added grades 2 through 5 for a total of 212 students.

The board of directors realized that the school's growing success was leading to a space problem, and decided the simplest solution would be to acquire two portable classrooms.

By adding those portables to two existing portables owned by the congregation, a pre-school centre could be established, freeing rooms inside the school for other classes, says Gary Levine, chairman of the school's public relations committee.



Shoshana Lockshin and Benjamin Rutman help Rabbi Zev Shimansky affix a mezuzah in Netivot HaTorah Day School's pre-school centre.

But the plan to expand conceived by Rabbi Zev Shimansky, educational director of the school and Zev Goldstein, chairman of the location committee, proved somewhat less easy to implement than expected, says Levine.

After a lengthy search, the directors found two portables for sale in Markham. However, before they could be bought, a building permit was needed from North York and the buildings required refurbishing.

Repairs needed included adding a new ceiling, repainting with fireproof paint, adding a fire alarm system and completely redoing the plumbing.

Then arrangements were made with a mover who guaranteed he could transport the portables by crane. But he couldn't move them!

When the mover tried to pick them up by crane they almost collapsed. The mover withdrew from the project.

Several weeks passed.

Then Jim Hunter of Douglas Hunter Development, a moving company with a special floater truck designed for moving portables, took on the project.

But when it came time to move the portables from their location at Franklin Street Public School it was found that the original access route was blocked by a tennis court.

So if they were going to be moved, the classrooms would have to go across the property of the Grace Anglican Church.

Rev. Jeremy Van-Lane was magnanimous in allowing the portables to be moved across church property and to remain in the church's parking lot until a moving permit was obtained, says Levine.

But now that moving was physically possible, it had to be legally possible.

Under the bylaws of York Region, portables may not be moved except between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. And under North York law, portables may not be moved until after midnight.

The directors finally got permission from York regional police to move between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and by Metro police to move the portables after 8 p.m.

But when the two classrooms arrived to be put on site a North York hydro transformer box was in the way. The movers abandoned the project until the morning to do the work of "jigging" them in place.

The new buildings were finally home sweet home.

And with repairs made and mezuzahs in place they are now in busy use, proving perhaps in a small way Herzl's dictum: If you will it, it is no dream.

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Campaign for kids started

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has launched a major fund raising campaign to support Hadasssim in Children's and Youth Village as well as its numerous day care centres in Israel, the organization has announced.

Founded in 1947 on the coastal plain midway between Tel Aviv and Haifa, Hadassim Children's and Youth Village opened as a school offering orphaned and homeless survivors of the Holocaust a warm haven. Soon, sabras from deprived and problem homes swelled the numbers, as integration and education were combined.

Today the village has grown into a comprehensive elementary, junior and senior high school for boarding and day pupils. Here, in a caring atmosphere, young people with a real need are given the tools and the impetus to climb up and out, to become responsible citizens of their country.

In a decaying Tel Aviv neighborhood which tourists seldom see, is a day care centre operated by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO for the children of the area.

Outside, in the narrow, heavily trafficked streets, prostitution, drugs and theft are the norm. Inside, children from 6 months to about 3 years, are nourished with loving care, surrounded by flowers and plants, cheerful pictures, toys and books. A tasty meal and snacks are provided each day.

For tots such as Mirav, neglected and originally believed to be retarded, for Leah, whose single parent mother desperately needed child care and for the little boy whose father is in jail, this centre has fostered remarkable change. And the parents are encouraged to become involved.

Says Sarah, a staff member for 15 years, "These people have very little money, but many of the books, this carpet and the plants were donated by the parents. We may not have luxuries, but this is a centre with a soul."

It is these facilities, the Children's and Youth Village, the day care centres throughout the land, which contributions to the Hadassah-WIZO campaign will help, organizers say.

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO sponsors the Rose Dunkelman Day care Centre in Neve Sharett, outside Tel Aviv, which is named for a past president who was a guiding force behind Hadassah-WIZO in Toronto.

Those interested can contribute to the campaign in several ways. A child can be sponsored, 1 year: $200 (picture and case history sent); 6 months, $125; 1 month, $36; 1 week, $10. Raffle tickets are offered for a $5,200 first prize, $1,000 second prize, and the draw will take place Feb. 25, 1987 (tickets are available at various locations in Metro Toronto — Miracle Mart at Bathurst and Sheppard, Fairview Mall, Towne & Countrye Square at Yonge and Steeles, Royal York Hotel lobby.

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Organizations and People

Rabbi Emanuel Forman at Shaarei Shomayim

"Radical moderation" urged to fight extremism

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Why did the bus shelter issue become a secular-religious issue in Israel when it was quite clear that there was a widespread negative reaction to distasteful advertisements from all segments of society in that country?

This question was asked by the scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Emanuel Forman, of the The New Synagogue in Netanya, Israel, in a speech titled, Beyond Extremism: Prospects for Resolving Jewish Religious/Secular Conflict, at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation where he was formerly the spiritual leader before making aliya 14 years ago.

The Orthodox rabbi says that he believes in "radical moderation." He told his audience of more than 200 people that a new organization in Israel called Hagut has been created by outstanding rabbis and academics to explore the issues that threaten the unity of the State of Israel.

"In the bus stop disaster, it would have been rather simple to develop a massive outcry against trampling the sensitivities and moral sensibilities on the part of the majority of Israelis." But instead, he adds, it led to the burning of 100 bus shelters and a synagogue and the threat, "For every bus stop a synagogue."

This year has been called a disaster year in Israel in terms of its social fabric. Forman quoted Israeli writer Amos Oz, "Make no mistakes about it, Israel is at war and this time, it is at war with itself."

Speaking of "extremist perpetrators" in both the religious and secular factions, Forman noted that these groups are not the ones ordinarily associated with the fanatic fringes but those who were always considered to be much more reasonable and committed to the well-being of an ordered society.

In extremist responses, the violent confrontations between policemen and demonstrators "passed over the limits of the permissible." Citing examples of the activities of the radicals on both ends, he noted that there is a proliferation of religious institutions whose philosophy is neutral toward Zionism or at worst, anti-Zionist, while the secular community is reacting with "fear and fright."

"The Israeli media are fanning the flames," says Forman who has been active in the Gesher Foundation, an Israeli based organization that brings together religious and non-religious young people to try to help them understand each other.

"Today, in Israel, for the first time, there is resistance on the part of the secular community to attend anything that smacks of religion. And religious leaders will not be invited to speak at a non-religious kibbutz, school or to the army."

He says that the secular media seize every opportunity to malign the religious quarter and the religious press uses derogatory terms in their newspapers to describe the non-religious.

Looking to talmudic sources, the rabbi gave examples of how to go beyond

Rabbi Emanuel Forman

extremism to reconciliation. He says that we can learn to recognize powerful forces and try to turn a force that is negative into something that is positive.

"It means that there is a time in Jewish history which calls for radical moderation — where to be moderate is to be radical — not to be moderately committed, but to be committed to moderation." This, he adds, can be the most courageous position of all.

Hagut, which loosely translated means "think tank," is committed "to take decisive steps to lay the foundation for peaceful coexistence."

The new organization includes an illustrious group of rabbis and scholars from Israeli universities and yeshivot. Forman says that the fledgling organization has been amazed by the response.

"This indicates that a thirst exists within Israelis from that broad, moderate, silent middle who have wondered if there is any kind of leadership to whom they can address themselves and who will speak to them. We must strive to reach an accord which stems from mutual respect and tolerance."

Hagut, says Forman, has asked for a halt — a moratorium on religious legislation — "a kind of cooling off period." The group calls for the establishment of a clear set of priorities and rejects "violence, vilification and provocation of all sorts."

Forman says that this is a time that calls for the restoration of the centrist position and the rebuilding of the middle. "We must build a bridge between people. You must begin at the centre and work your way to both sides. It is the disillusioned middle that has to be encouraged in Israel, and we must try to create a common language."

He suggests that Israel can go beyond extremism with more aliya from the West — from countries that have a democratic tradition — the pluralist way. "If we were to have a few thousand more olim like you each year," he said, "what a difference it would make to the social climate."

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Organizations and People

First direct vote for WJCC board

Winnipeg communal body gets 10 new members

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The first community-wide vote for the board of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council has resulted in the election of 10 new members.

Marjorie Blankstein

Under new bylaws passed in September, all members of the board of the WJCC are to be democratically elected directly by the community with all Combined Jewish Appeal donors over 18 eligible to vote.

The board's 48 councilors serve 3-year terms, with a third up for re-election each year. For the 16 positions open this year, there were a record 39 candidates ranging in age from 20 to 90 and representing all elements of the community.

Leading the slate was Marjorie Blankstein, the outgoing interim president of the community council. In addition to a previous term as president of the council, she has also served as president of the Jewish Child and Family Service and the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada and is a national officer of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Other returning members of the council include Mira Spivak, the WJCC's vice-president of planning and most recently the first Canadian Jewish woman to be appointed to the Canadian Senate; 90-year-old Anglo-Jewish newspaper columnist George Skulsky, accountant and Yiddishist Oscar Antel, Dee Buchwald who is active in the NCJW, Hadassah, the Jewish Child and Family Service and Youth Aliyah, and Donald Aronovitch who has served on the board since 1979.

The most notable of the new members elected to council are old time Yiddishist Noah Witman and Winnipeg's senior rabbi, Peretz Weizman, the spiritual leader of the B'nay Abraham Synagogue since 1960 and a member of the Vaad Harabanim for more than 20 years.

Other new faces include former Winnipeg city councilor Morris Kaufman, lawyers Marilyn Goldberg, Mel Myers, Lyle Smordin and Joel Dudeck, Dr. Charles Faiman of the University of Manitoba's medical college, Sid Halpern, chairman of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, and Maurene Cohen who has been active in the NCJW, the Jewish Child and Family Service, the Board of Jewish Education and the Combined Jewish Appeal.

Observers said the large number of candidates to the WJCC's board in this year's elections suggests that many people who previously believed the council elections were a closed affair now feel it is worthwhile to stand for election.

N'Shei Chabad plans parley

TORONTO — The 25th annual regional convention of the Lubavitch Women's League, N'Shei Chabad, will take place here the weekend of Feb. 20.

Sandra Gewirtz, the local league's public relations officer, said that it's the second time that Toronto has been host to the continent-wide educational and spiritual conference.

The last time was 10 years ago and was memorable in more ways than the league envisioned.

"The Americans were leery about coming here because of our harsh winters," she said. "Wouldn't you know, we had the worst snow storm of the year that weekend.

"The warmth exuded by the members present nullified the cold weather," she added. "It didn't daunt us in any way ... the ladies didn't want to go home."

The theme of this year's conference is Minding the Family Business. Highlights of the program include Shabbat sessions involving workshops (some offered in French), services and meals at the Chabad Community Centre in Thornhill. Out-of-town guests will be billeted with families in the area.

A melava malka dinner will be held Saturday night at Torath Emeth Jewish Centre on Viewmount Ave. Miriam Levi, the Israeli author of Effective Jewish Parenting, will speak on Motherhood: The Art of Communicating.

A banquet will be held Sunday at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Glencairn Ave. Rabbi Manis Freedman, dean of Bais Chanah Institute, Jewish Women's Faculty in St. Paul, Minn. is the keynote speaker. His topic will be Minding the Family Business.

Gewirtz explained that the league's purpose is to offer an outreach program to help all Jewish women get involved with their heritage. This is in part why events are being staged at two other locations.

The league worldwide is 35 years old and annual meetings are held in New York.

"The whole purpose of the regional meetings — which take place in Jerusalem, London and Australia the same weekend — is that it was felt we weren't reaching enough people at the international level."

She said about 450 women attended the last conference held here and about the same number are expected this year.

"The melava malka is expected to attract quite a number of Jewish women who won't be attending any other session," she said. "We'll squeeze in as many as want to come ... we'll use the gym and put up a video screen if we have to."

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Drs. Tony Pawson, Janet Rossant and Alan Bernstein, (from left to right) of Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute, examine the body's natural growth-regulating genes that are involved in turning normal cells into cancer cells.

For Mount Sinai cancer researchers

Grants total near $350,000

TORONTO —

Two teams of scientists at Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute have been awarded almost $350,000 in Terry Fox program project grants from the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

An international group of medical research experts recently awarded the funds — raised through Fox's Marathon of Hope — to cover the total research aspect of the projects excluding overhead and salaries.

The prestigious awards provide funding to small groups of scientists for a 3-year period. Although the specific figures were announced for the first year of the study, a hospital official says the amounts in the final two years will likely be similar.

Cell biologists Drs. Alan Bernstein, Janet Rossant and Tony Pawson have been awarded $221,373 for their study examining how changes in oncogenes, a group of genes involved in the regulation of cell growth, can lead to the development of cancer.

Drs. John Roder, Nobumichi Hozumi and Atsuo Ochi will receive $123,500 for their study into the role of the body's natural immune system in detecting and killing cancer cells, a process known as "immune surveillance."

Dr. Lou Siminovitch, the institute's research director, stated that it "relies heavily" on support from agencies such as the Cancer Institute and the Canadian Cancer Society.

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1986 United Way Drive Canada's most successful

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The 1986 United Way of Greater Toronto fund raising campaign proved to be the most successful drive in Canada and there was a great deal of Jewish participation, says campaign director Ann Golden.

Raising $32,015,000 from 400,000 donors — about 10% or $3 million over last year's total — the campaign was not only successful in terms of dollars, but also in emphasizing community and sharing values, said Golden.

Jewish involvement was most significant, she said, in the newly formed small business task force's Achievement Breakfast in which a large number of "prominent" Jewish fund raisers participated.

Among the participants helping out at the event was David Goldstein, president of Chalet Oil Corporation, Allan Offman, managing director of The Art Shoppe, Paul Rothstein, president and CEO of Maple Leaf Plastics, Abe Schwartz, president of Exploracom, and Issy Sharp, chairman and president of Four Seasons Hotels. Goldstein and Schwartz are on the task force.

Golden said the Achievement Breakfast raised over $30,000 and resulted in an additional 34 companies hosting fund raising functions.

As well as Jewish involvement in the small business task force, Golden reported that B'nai B'rith played a big role in the campaign kickoff walkathon which raised between $85,000 and $100,000 and that Rabbi Dow Marmur gave the invocation at the Achievement Dinner. She added that the staff and volunteers in the various Jewish agencies had a high participation rate.

She stressed that United Way is important to the Jewish community as it funds nine major Jewish agencies including Jewish Family & Child Service which receives over $1 million, Jewish Community Centre which receives $377,000, Jewish Vocational Services which gets $256,000, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which gets over $300,000 and the Bernard Betel Centre which gets over $111,000.

Comparing Toronto's campaign with other cities in North America, Golden said that its success was due to the cooperation it received from the local media, as well the hard work of United Way representatives.

Seen at the Ontario Trade Union Council for Histadrut seminar are Cliff Pilkey, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor; Sam Fox of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Union; Al Hershkovitz, of the Fur Leather Workers; Bob Rae, leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party; William Villano, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Terry Meagher, outgoing secretary-treasurer of the OF of L.

Histadrut body gives peace kudos for Peres

TORONTO —

A recent seminar entitled The Road to Peace in the Middle East and hosted by the Ontario Trade Union Council for Histadrut credited the efforts of Israel's national unity government under former Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Guest panelists included H. John Harker, Canadian Labor Congress information officer; Daniel Bloch, labor attache at the Israel embassy in Washington, and Prof. John Kirton, dean of political science at the University of Toronto.

The panelists noted the softening of the Arab attitude towards recognition of Israel's right to exist, with certain obvious exceptions. The general concensus was that the achievement of peace is not impossible.

Bob Rae, Ontario New Democratic Party leader, was the guest speaker for the luncheon session which was chaired by Chas. (Bud) Clark, Canadian director of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

Rae noted the reality of life in Israel today, saying that he was made aware of the strain under which Israelis live on a recent visit.

Later four members of the trade union movement of Ontario were presented with awards for services to the labor movement, the Histadrut and the State of Israel on the occasion of their retirement. Honored were Sam Fox, associate Canadian director of the ACTWU; Al Hershkovitz, manager of the Fur Leather Workers Local 28 and 63; William Villano, director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and Terry Meagher, secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Federation of Labor.

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Healthwatch

Good news on Asian flu

Compiled by
DAVID BIRKAN

The new strain of Asian flu virus, A Taiwan, does not seem to be a killer after all, and people over the age of 35 do not need to be inoculated. So says Health and Welfare Canada's National Advisory Committee.

A special vaccine will be available just in case — particularly for high-risk children and young adults.

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Some 75,000 Canadians are suffering from a potentially fatal disease that was long thought too rare to bother with, according to studies at the University of Western Ontario.

The disease, hemochromatosis, is also known as iron storage disease, bronze diabetes, and Recklinghausen-Appelbaum disease.

If left untreated, it can lead to diabetes, arthritis, cardiac arythmias, liver failure and death.

Symptoms include: unexplained arthritis in the hands of patients older than 40; impotence; deepening of the lines on the palms; enlarged liver; bronzed skin; and abnormalities in liver function.

According to extrapolations of tests done in Ontario and Quebec, 0.3% of the population carry two genes for hemochromatosis and some 10% carry one gene.

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Researchers in Europe suspect that certain viruses associated with cervical cancer may be spread iatrogenically, that is, by the examining physicians themselves.

Dr. Harald zur Hausen of Germany's University of Heidelberg recommended at a cancer conference in Budapest that doctors take extra care in their sterile precautions during vaginal and rectal examinations.

He said that as many as ⅓ of sexually active women carry human papilloma viruses, which often fail to register on Pap tests.

Increase after viewing

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Two separate U.S. studies suggest that TV depictions of suicide lead to an increase in the number of teenage attempts.

David Phillips, a sociology professor at the University of California-San Diego, and Madelyn Gould, assistant professor of child psychiatry and epidemiology at New York's Columbia University, both found an increase over the expected number of suicides in the weeks following broadcasts. Other relevant factors, such as major holidays, were taken into account.

Phillips studied the effect of network TV news stories, and Gould that of TV movies with teen suicide themes.

Gould, are "vulnerable, troubled kids, some of whom might have committeed suicide later on anyway. But the motivation to suicide does wax and wane, and if you get a kid at that vulnerable time, this might be the thing that flips them over."

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New flammability standards for children's sleepwear should reduce the incidence of serious burns, Dr. Richard Stanwick told the annual general meeting of the Canadian Pediatric Society in Toronto.

They come into effect next year.

Stanwick was one of the pediatricians pressing for the standards.

Tailored as well as loose and flowing robes, pyjamas and nightgowns will have to be made of pure synthetics which will pull away from a source of fire and melt rather than burn, he said.

Exempted from the new standards are close-fitting polo-style pyjamas and sleepwear for children weighing up to 7 kg. who generally cannot endanger themselves, said Stanwick.

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Vitamin buffs take note:

Recently reissued in paperback is Earl Mindell's Shaping Up with Vitamins (Warner Books, $5). It suggests the appropriate supplement for every popular sport and activity, and diets for pregnancy, fitness, and a variety of disorders. A good bibliography, glossary and index underscores the book's authority.

Also included is sound advice on exercise and eating.

Mindell, a longtime nutritionist, is a member of the American Nutrition Society and the U.S. National Health Federation.

Hebrew U Friends plan Israel mission

TORONTO —

The New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is planning a mission to Israel. The date: April 29 to May 11.

"The mission will offer its participants a perspective of Israel that could only be provided by the university," Dr. Harvey Zimmerman, co-chairman of the division, said in a recent interview.

"We'll be traveling across the country, exposing our delegates to the real Israel, not just the one you see on postcards. And we'll receive analyses of what we see from Hebrew University experts," he said.

"The tour will still be structured — it has to be if we're going to cover enough ground. But it will include enough free time so that mission members will be able to explore on their own."

He said that the mission, "because of the Hebrew University's status and connections," will be treated as a VIP affair.

He added that division co-chairman Stephen Diamond, who will lead the mission with him, "is equally excited by what it is offering," as are their wives, Shami Zimmerman and Karen Diamond.

For more information, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Suite 208, Toronto M6A 3A1, or phone (416) 789-2633.

Centre to get Torah scroll

TORONTO —

A new Torah scroll written in Jerusalem will be presented to the new Ohr Somayach/JEP Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning in Toronto, by philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum on Dec. 7.

Tanenbaum celebrated his birthday with a trip to Jerusalem in September, and the highlight of the visit was a gathering at Ohr Somayach's main Jerusalem facility.

Tanenbaum founded Ohr Somayach in 1972 as a school for students and young adults previously unaffiliated with Judaism and with little or no Jewish educational background.

Ohr Somayach presented him with a "birthday present" of the Torah Scroll. Tanenbaum decided it would be appropriate to donate it to the new Ohr Somayach/JEP Centre in Toronto.

"It is symbolic that the Torah from our main Jerusalem centre will be coming to Toronto," says Rabbi Noach Mandel, Ohr Somayach/JEP director. "We pray that we will be continually inspired by its message and teachings."

The presentation ceremony will begin at 2.30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 7 at the Ohr Somayach/JEP Tanenbaum Center for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. (at Shelborne).

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"Mr. Softball" was a driving force and a good friend

By LOIS KALCHMAN

TORONTO —

When Maxie Scheff died the world of amateur sport as well as the Jewish community lost a driving force and good friend.

Scheff, 76, nicknamed "Mr. Softball" was honored at the Canadian National Exhibition this past July for 50 years in baseball. He was a life member of both the Ontario Baseball Association and the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League. He was Ontario's first umpire-in-chief (1935-1960).

"Most people read history, Maxie Scheff writes history," Rabbi Monson eulogized. "He was a "gesher" a bridge between European Jewry and the future. It was only fitting he was called Mr. Softball. He was soft, tender, smiling and cheerful."

Rabbi Monson told hundreds, of all faiths, who came to pay their last respects to their long-time friend, that Scheff chose sports as his bridge and was "baffled by anti-semitism."

Scheff umpired men's, women's and childrens games at diamonds all over Ontario. He was a fixture at Bellwoods Park and at the Jewish Boys' League. He was the leading batter in the Jewish Community Senior Softball League in 1931 and an excellent catcher.

"If you measured wealth by what you gave to youth, then Maxie died a millionaire," said David Goodman, whose brother was the first player Scheff ever ejected from a game. "We called him 'Litle Napolean' or 'Little Caesar' on the diamonds."

No one could convince this 5-ft. 4 smiling dynamo to slow down. This past summer he organized the mens and womens Bulova fastball tournaments at the CNE as well as the Big Brothers' celebrity tournament and Peewee baseball.

Marv Pearl has been the CNE Sports Consultant for the past 20 years and knew Scheff professionally and as family.

"His ability to make people feel good was a gift of God," Pearl said. "He got the lights put in the ball diamond (near Dufferin Street) in 1936 and it bugged him they wouldn't update them. He made hundreds of friends, had thousands of handshakes and gave millions of smiles. People came to the ball park just to see him. It will be hard to realize he won't be there any more."

MTHL director Dave McGinness was a pallbearer. He remembers when Maxie was in goal in the old Toronto Hockey League and later was referee.

"He always gave the person the benefit of the doubt even on the playing field or the rink. He was very fair.

"I nominated him for the mayor of Spadina," he recollected." He would walk down Spadina or along Adelaide Street and truck drivers would stop and shout, 'Who's gonna win the game tonight?' "

Scheff was considered a maven on players and teams in both hockey and baseball.

Curley Davis, manager of North York Centennial Arena, claims Scheff was just like King Clancy of Maple Leaf Gardens and the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey team who died recently.

"Clancy was Irish and Maxie was Jewish but they were cut out of the same cloth," Davies said. "He was a sweetheart!"

Maxie Scheff has gone but his legacy of fair play on the field and in life itself will live on in those he has touched.

Max Scheff was honored by the CNE after 50 years in baseball. [Toronto Star photo]

JCC hosts Run for Freedom

TORONTO —

The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre will host the 10th annual Run for Freedom to raise money for its stroke recovery program.

The run is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, with a brunch to be held afterwards.

Runners can choose from 5, 10 and 21 km routes, all of which end up at the JCC. The event will be held rain or shine, organizers say.

Participants will be bused to the appropriate starting point and water stations and an emergency communication team will be stationed along the route. In the past, anywhere from 100-150 runners participated.

The run is supported by donations from Daiter's Creamery and Appetizers, Richman's Bakery, Dessertcraft, Running Free and Agincourt Bus and Coach.

For more information, contact Andrew Winter at the JCC at (416) 636-1889, ext. 323.

Player ban to be appealed

TEL AVIV —

The manager of a top Israeli semi-professional basketball team has said he will appeal the Internation Basketball Association (IBA) ban of former American star Micheal Ray Richardson.

The Munich-based IBA was reported to have informed the Israeli Basketball Association that Richardson was ineligible to play in Israel. An Israeli official said no reason was given and the decision was final.

However, Avraham Hemmo, manager of Hapoel Ramat Gan, the team that signed Richardson, said an IBA official told him Richardson's 2-year ban from the U.S. National Basketball Association was a major factor in the IBA ban.

Richardson, 30, formerly of the New Jersey Nets, was barred from the NBA after testing positive to cocaine use on three occasions during last season.

He said he hoped to begin his return to the NBA by playing well in Israel. He reportedly had signed a 1-year contract with Hapoel Ramat Gan worth $60,000, a far cry from the $750,000 per year he received from the Nets.

Hapoel signed Richardson, the Jerusalem Post reports, in a bid to dislodge themselves from the bottom of the National League. Two years ago, Hapoel was at the top of the league, challenging Maccabi Tel Aviv's hegemony in the Israel Basketball League.

Hemmo insists his aim is not only to rehabilitate the club but also to rehabilitate the man.

"Richardson is clean," he said. "He has gone through an anti-drug course and has given up drugs completely. Our contract stipulates he should be tested every week."

Hemmo claims the ban on Richardson applied only to the fully professional NBA, but since the Israeli league is at least part amateur, the ban should not apply there.

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Aristedes de Sousa Mendes saved over 10,000 Jews

Portugal to honor abused Righteous Gentile

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —

Portugal's consul-general announced Portugal will decorate posthumously a Portuguese who helped Jewish refugees during World War II in defiance of his government's orders.

Speaking at the annual awards and scholarship dinner of the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (FPCBP), Antonio Tanger Correa said Portugal will award Aristedes de Sousa Mendes the highest honor available for his actions on behalf of the refugees.

Already recognized as a hero of the Holocaust by Israel, United States and Canada, de Sousa Mendes, as the Portuguese consul-general to Bordeaux, France from 1938 to 1940, is credited with saving over 10,000 Jews by issuing them transit visas to Portugal.

Toronto's Jewish and Portuguese communities, along with city, provincial and federal politicians paid tribute to de Sousa Mendes who "acted with compassion, honour and dignity" and was one of the "precious few who rose to exalted heights in his heroic efforts to save lives," said Charles Zaionz, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region).

As the Nazi occupation of Europe spread, explained Fernando Costa, president of the FPCBP, 30,000 refugees, half of them Jewish, gathered in Bordeaux seeking an escape route. De Sousa Mendes issued visas to the refugees allowing them to travel south through Spain to Portugal.

But by 1940 Portugal closed its borders and ordered its consul to stop issuing visas. During three crucial days, June 18, 19 and 20, 1940, said Costa, De Sousa Mendes continued to frantically give out visas despite his government's instructions.

As a result of his disobedience, de Sousa Mendes, a member of an aristocratic family, was expelled from the diplomatic corps and stripped of all title and position. Forbidden to practice law, he died in poverty in 1954, said Costa.

In presenting a calligraphic scroll honoring de Sousa Mendes to his two sons — John Abranches of California and Luis Philipe Mendes of Montreal — Zaionz paid tribute to the family as well. "We recognize that you suffered as he suffered."

For the de Sousa Mendes family, the award represents more than 40 years of struggle to win recognition for their father.

"I was 12 when I learned of my father's actions. We never had any regrets," despite the consequences said Abranches upon accepting the scroll.

Abranches continued, "My father explained that he didn't mean to be disobedient. But when faced with the dilemma of abandoning the refugees by complying with orders, he chose to help people." And he did it with "the full support of his wife, my mother."

As a diplomat, de Sousa Mendes' deeds are all the more remarkable since "he didn't have to care, he didn't have to listen, he was safe," said Monte Kwinter, the Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations who presented a medal from Premier David Peterson to the de Sousa Mendes family.

David Crombie, federal secretary of state, thanked the de Sousa Mendes family for their "tireless efforts to restore the honor of a true hero."

Charleston chief to visit Toronto, St. Catharines

TORONTO —

Police Chief Reuben Greenberg of Charleston, SC, a Black Conservative Jew, will speak in Toronto and St. Catharines next week on the topic Pride and Prejudice — a Continuing Story.

Reuben Greenberg

The public lectures, sponsored by United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto and at 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at B'nai Israel Synagogue in St. Catharines.

Greenberg has taught extensively throughout the United States including University of California and Florida International University and has been involved with the National Institute against Prejudice and Violence.

Most recently, his appearances on CBS 60 Minutes, CNN's Crossfire brought his experiences and perspectives to the attention of the public.

Gays' rejection likened to that of the Jews

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Just as Jews were deprived of access to public services in the past, homosexuals today are feeling the same type of discrimination, Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott said in opening debate on a controversial amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code.

If passed, the amendment would outlaw discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and guarantee homosexuals the same protection against discrimination as the handicapped or religious groups.

Making a comparison with Jews, as well as with the Irish, Scott said, "Everybody in their own lifetime can remember dissent from the Middle Ages that the Jews, by virtue of the usury laws, were better at making money, were tricksters, were sharp.

"Some of them were," the attorney general continued. "But most of them were not. Most of them turned out to be just like the rest of us. Therefore we had to add the Human Rights Code in order to protect the human rights of the members of (this) group."

Scott said the bill will not allow homosexuals to break the law or "alter any fabric of society," but give them the same rights that other groups now enjoy.

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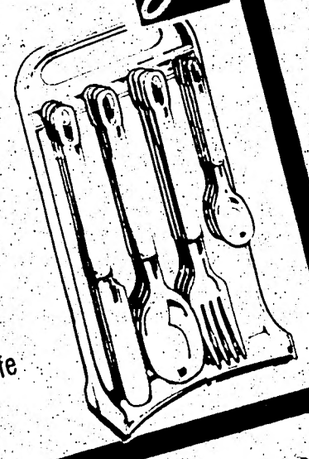

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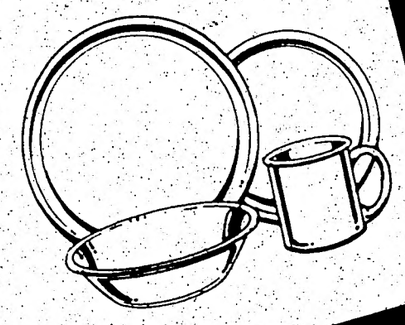

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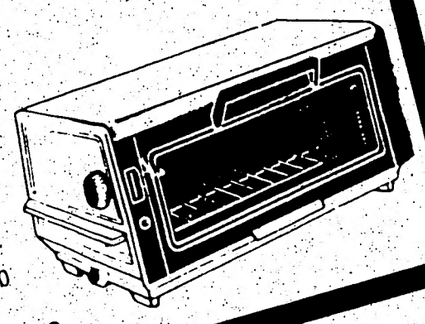

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Fashion

It's the sweater season

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Sweaters are some of this winter's most important fashion items.

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Bugle beads, seed pearls, sequins and threads of lurex decorate soft, elegant styles that can easily be worn to parties and weddings.

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Fashion

Dolfin making an impact on activewear market

By
LORI SMITH

Today true sportswear, such as sweatshirts and running shorts, has become an intrinsic part of most people's wardrobe.

The fitness revolution not only ensured a large market for activewear but dictated that these garments be fashionable as well as functional.

In Canada, one of the leading manufacturers of sporting goods is Marketing Action, a family-run company that produces and/or merchandises such lines as the Autry athletic shoe collection, Ridgeview socks and Dolfin sportswear.

Mark Saltzman, sales manager of Marketing Action and co-owner of the company along with his father, George and brother, Laurin, explains that the demand for activewear has grown over the last few years and it's not longer only teenagers that wear it.

"People in their 30s and 40s are also wearing it and they'll put a fleece shirt with a pair of jeans or dress pants."

Initially, Marketing Action imported the Dolfin line from the United States to sell in the Canadian marketplace. But a couple of seasons ago they decided to design and manufacture the line in Toronto because of the differences in the Canadian and U.S. markets.

"The styles and colors they were producing in the States didn't suit the Canadian marketplace and with the exchange on the American dollar and the duty on the garments, the collection was overpriced in Canada."

The collection is substantially different from the American one. It is designed by Cheryl Chappell, and Laurin Saltzman is in charge of production. Together they develop the line.

This winter Dolfin is offering a number of groups. The first is a basic 12½ ounce fleece program that includes crew neck top, pants, and hooded pullover for men in 12 colors and crew neck tops and sweat pants for women in 20 colors.

The second group is the fashion fleece. It offers a number of garments for men and women and features cotton overlays, jacquard prints, and cardigans, mini dresses and lycra tights.

George Shermer, marketing director for the company, explains that most of the tops are oversized.

"That's the way the whole trend is going. Tops that are functional, nice to work out in and nice to wear every day."

Saltzman explains that in their fashion fleece collection the most popular colors for women are boisenberry, emerald green, mint green, cherry, pink, smoky rose and royal blue.

"Men don't like to get into anything that's too bold. Heather gray, charcoal, navy, gray and black are good colors for them."

The other two groups the company offers this season are its 14 ounce heavy fleece program and a promotional fleece group they make up for certain customers.

Saltzman says that the basic fleece has stayed strong for the last seven to eight years and will remain popular. However, he adds that fleece is only 30 per cent of their business.

A much more important season for them is spring and summer and next year 19- or 22-inch cool shorts in 26 different wild prints will be the mainstay of their collection.

Dolfin sportswear is available in Toronto at National Sports Centre, Sporting Life, The Bay, Simpson's, Hackett's, Soles Sporting Goods and at various pro shops and clubs throughout the city.

Shopping for kids at home

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If you're tired of dragging your hard to fit kids from store to store, you will be pleased to hear about Beginnings, a shop-at-home service featuring children's clothing from infancy to size 6.

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Susan says that mothers-to-be are "bombarded with advice on what to buy for the new baby and they often get confused and nervous. We sit with them, find out their likes, dislikes and concerns and select what is best for the mother."

She adds that everything the mother chooses is delivered to her free of charge after the baby is born. "Many people don't want anything in the house until the baby's birth."

She notes that by getting to know their customers they have some idea of what their tastes are in clothing. "This way when the baby is little and the mother phones us for some clothing we can send her things we think she'd like."

Susan says they carry such lines as Snugabuy, Fisher-Price, Belle-Lana and Dr. Denton.

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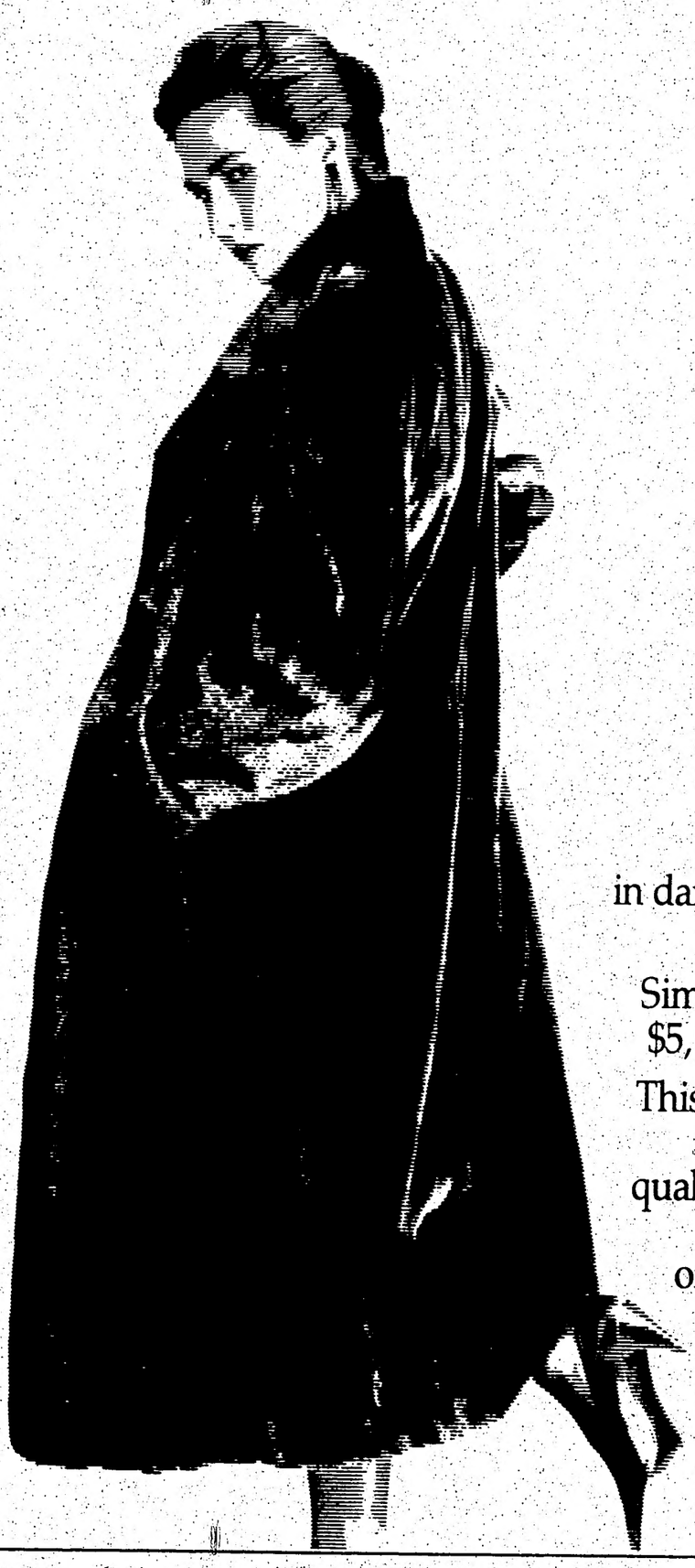

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Fashion

Hosiery adds special touch to fashion

"All the major designers agree that fashion for the leg is very important," says Gabriel Dejaegher, owner of Dejaegher Enterprises Ltd., the Canadian importer of world famous Du Parc hosiery.

"Women try to update clothes with accessories. This year boots are popular but extremely expensive. However, hose offer women a full range of possibilities for updating their wardrobes."

Dejaegher explains that Du Parc is a very old company located in Belgium. Founded in the 1800s it originally manufactured gloves. In 1923 they started making silk stockings and after World War II they began to manufacture pantyhose.

This winter season they are offering a number of styles featuring prints, patterns and lace.

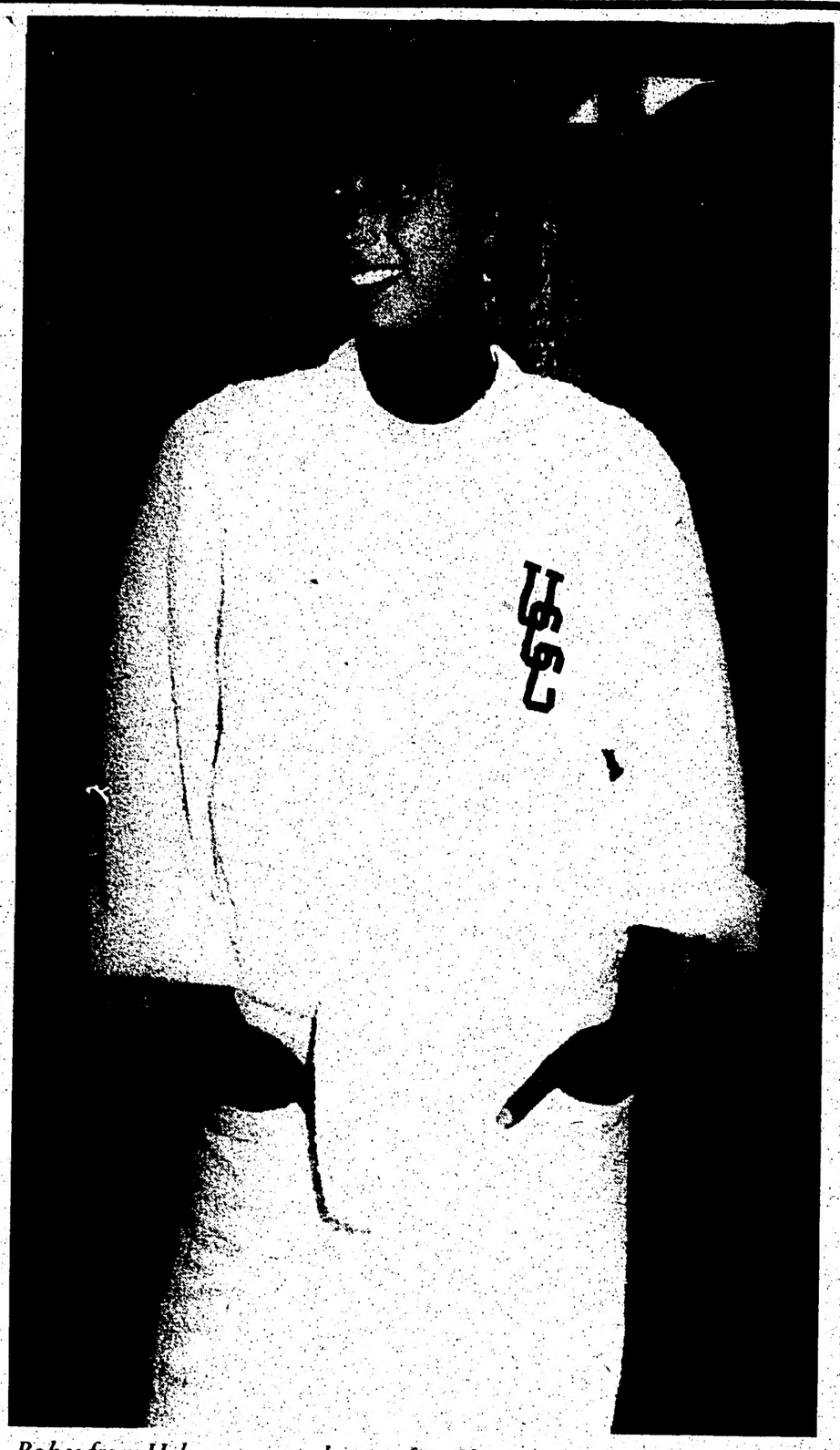
Dejaegher explains that their lace styles are actually cut and sewn with a seam up the back. Designs include a cravat tie pattern, psychedelic prints, sheer hoses with classic designs at the ankle or lining the outside of the leg, dressy fishnet-like hose with rhinestones and a tapestry patterned collection.

"They also have something very exclusive. Nylon pantyhose have cotton woven on top of them and then the cotton is burnt out in different spots to create the design.

"They are very expensive but it would take a cat to kill them. In fact, women throw them out because they got tired of them."

He says that all the patterned hosiery is very strong and in terms of new fashion colors mustard-gold, periwinkle and black are "in."

Du Parc pantyhose are available at Sox, Leggings, Legs Beautiful, Holt Renfrew, Christine's and other better boutiques in Toronto.



Robes from Halemar can make a perfect Chanukah gift. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Bathrobes make a hit on campus

By LORI SMITH

Personalized bathrobes are the latest trend on school campuses this year thanks to young entrepreneur and student Haley Field.

Field, a 3rd-year student at the University of Western Ontario in London, explains that she and her mother, Shirley Field, came up with the idea of selling reasonably priced, practical, personalized bathrobes a year-and-a-half ago.

"During my first year at university I noticed that people were buying anything with the Western name on it — suspenders, T-shirts, everything.

"A friend of mine was selling Western sweatshirts and he was making a lot of money. When I came home that February during Reading Week, I thought, 'This is so ridiculous. He has such a simple idea and he's doing so well with it. There must be something I can do.

"So my mother and I sat down, and I don't know how, but we came up with the idea for bathrobes."

The robes Field sells are made of 100% white cotton terry and feature wrap-around styling, an attached belt ("so it doesn't get lost in the wash"), two pockets, crests and embroidery across the back, done in any color.

They are easy to wash and come in three sizes: medium, for people from 4 ft. 11 to 5 ft. 4, large — a catchall size that even "a very big man can wear" and a small size for children.

Field sold the robes at first at the school stores at Western and MacMaster in Hamilton, and also filled a number of private orders. Now Halemar Personalized Robes are sold at other universities, all the private schools in Toronto, many of the private schools in the Toronto area, as gifts for engagements, weddings, birthdays, bar mitzvahs and other occasions and for use around pools or at the cottage.

Shirley Field says that schools love them "because they are unique but something kids need."

"The quality is good. The price is good. They are practical yet different. And they're a great idea for a gift," says Haley.

For more information or to order call Haley Field in London (519-473-4522) or Shirley Field in Toronto (416-445-9368).

The luxury of loungewear

Beautiful loungewear, sleepwear and lingerie was once considered an indulgent luxury. Today it is a fashion staple.

Anna Medalye, one of Canada's leading designers and manufacturers of lingerie and loungewear, says that when she arrived in Canada in 1978, there was a lack of good loungewear merchandise and stores.

From 1978 to 1980, Medalye, an emigre from the Soviet Union, learned to speak English, married, had a child and studied the fasion industry and free enterprise system.

In 1980, she and her husband established Anna Medalye Fashions and in 1984 she branched off into two companies: AMFI Ltd., a sewing contracting and embroidery business, and Medalye Designs Ltd., a lounge and sleepwear company to fill the gap Medalye recognized when she first arrived in Canada. She explains that today loungewear is a growing business and the number of new lingerie stores are evidence of the demand.

"The public is becoming much more aware. Women are in business and they work and travel so they want and need nice things. After a day at the office a woman will feel better if she puts on luxurious pyjamas instead of a sweatsuit."

Medalye has designed a number of luxurious garments for winter.

Her collection includes two groups: The first is in white or pink crushed satin material and includes such items as baby doll pyjamas, a robe, camisole, teddy and tap pants.

The second group comes in lavender, taupe, peach or ivory plain satin fabric with embroidery, and features a sleep shirt, two robe styles, two nightgowns, teddy, tap pants and camisole. Prices range from $50 to $160.

Larisa Fertman, general manager of Medalye Designs, explains that the fabrics used in both groups are 100% polyester with the look and feel of crushed and plain satin.

"They are of the best quality and have a luxurious, silky feel. But they don't have to be dry cleaned or ironed which is good for sleepwear since it needs to be washed quite often."

Medalye Designs are available in Toronto at better boutiques including Christine's, Chazym, Soft Spots Lingerie, De Femme, Avec Plaisir and Catherine's.

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Mousekewitzes head for the Goldene Medina

An American Tail a paean to immigrant experience

Fievel the Jewish mouse in An American Tail.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Move over, Mickey Mouse.

Make way for the Mousekewitz clan.

Steven Spielberg's first animated feature, *An American Tail*, introduces a North American audience to Jewish mice.

And what a a bunch of mice they are!

The Mousekewitz clan lives in a Russian shtetl and they dream of living in America. The dream becomes an imperative after a gang of Cossacks resembling fearsome cats descends on the village and burns down their house.

Papa Mousekewitz (Nehemiah Persoff) sings the praises of America, saying that there are no cats (read anti-semites), and plenty of bread crumbs, in the new Promised Land.

The Mousekewitzes set sail for America, and after many trials and tribulations they manage to reach New York. The year is 1886.

The family is infinitely pleased to be in America, but profoundly saddened that their little Fievel (Phillip Glasser) has been lost along the way.

An American Tail, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, turns on the efforts by his family to find him.

Fievel, in the course of exploring the streets of New York, is accosted by some pretty mean characters, including the mercenary proprietor of a quintessential sweatshop. But all ends well, as only an immigrant story in America can.

A bit too patriotic

The film, which is directed by Don Bluth, a Disney graduate, celebrates America as a land of opportunity and freedom where even a modest Jewish mouse can attain happiness and contentment. Sometimes, though, the patriotic blaring is a little too much for refined ears. But An American Tail is nothing if not a paean to the richness of the immigrant experience in America.

In the main, the animation is first-rate, though not brilliant. The Mousekewitzes ocean voyage is evoked very well, with the sea in its stormy phase resembling the ominous, cloaked Count Dracula. And the streets of New York come alive with visions of ethnic neighborhoods and crowded markets.

The musical score, which is cheerful and uplifting, is better than average.

An American Tail doesn't only celebrate the positive in America. There is class conflict when Gussie Mausheimer (Madeline Kahn), a stylish Uptown mouse cummatron, enlists her poor Downtown cousins in a crusade against New York's menacing cat population, and there is Tammany Hall-style politics, when Fievel is introduced to Big John, the local pol who fixes elections.

An American Tail is a children's movie, but an adult may find moments of pleasure in it, too

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Arts

But Rubber Dolly's acting is excellent

Contemporary kitchen-sink drama sordid, depressing

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
"Charity here is a bone for the dog . . . Life in America is written on dollar bills."

Those two memorable lines were uttered by characters in the so-called working class, kitchen-sink dramas of Clifford Odets in the 1930s.

They were memorable because, like the plays of Odets themselves, they were meaningful for the period and had poignancy —and a certain poetry in them.

The same can not be said of *Rubber Dolly*, a contemporary Canadian kitchen-sink drama currently running until Dec. 14 at the Tarragon Theatre's Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave., 536-5018.

Odets' plays were inspiring, despite their squalor. But this 90-minute drama by the Tarragon's playwright-in-residence, ex-Maritimer Don Hannah, is merely sordid and depressing.

It's the tragedy of a shiftless, ignorant girl from an impoverished family of 14 children in New Brunswick who moves to Toronto's Riverdale area at 15.

She promptly gets "knocked up" by a sailor, begets two illegitimate children, and becomes a welfare mother using her native shrewdness to outwit the Children's Aid social workers while she sleeps with drunken ne'er-do-wells.

In a self-loathing rage, after being rejected by her young son who has been put into a series of foster homes, she finally kills the boy and is declared criminally insane.

On the positive side, playwright Hannah has caught exactly the profane, dese-dem-dose dialect of underprivileged Maritimers.

And the acting is exceptional, especially by Kim Renders as the rootless mother; Peter Krantz in the multiple roles of her three primitive boyfriends; and Lynne Deragon in the bitingly funny role of a fellow unwed mother waiting to pick up her welfare check.

But the trouble is that we can't identify with the chief character. She's indolent, makes no attempt to get a job, and her stream of profanity ultimately becomes tedious. It's one thing to capture obscene language with fidelity; it's another thing to make it interesting. And this Hannah has not accomplished.

Evidently, this is an early play by Hannah, who did such a fine job last season with his Tarragon play titled *Wedding Script*, which was also about low-life in Riverdale. Unfortunately, *Rubber Dolly*, which is a series of unrealized character sketches set in a gritty environment, remains a 1-dimensional doll.

Kim Renders (left) and Lynne Deragon play two welfare mothers in kitchen-sink drama, Rubber Dolly.

Rouge Baiser fuses comedy, seriousness

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Rouge Baiser (Red Kiss) is a much more complex film than its lurid title would suggest.

Vera Belmont's filmic memoir unfolds on two levels simultaneously. There is romance and there is political disillusionment and a whiff of anti-semitism. Both themes mesh seamlessly in this artful film now playing at the International.

Moishe (Laurent Terzieff), a Polish-Jewish actor, bids adieu to his lover, Bronka (Marthe Keller). The year is 1937 and the setting is Paris. Moishe, a Communist, is going to Moscow for reasons unknown. He promises to send for her.

"What will I do there?" asks Bronka, a seamstress. "Make dresses for Soviet working girls," he replies.

Moishe disappears from sight, and the film cuts to 1952. Bronka, now married to Herschel (Gunter Lamprecht), a Jewish woodworker and fellow Communist, has two daughters, Nadia (Charlotte Valandrey) and Rosa (Elsa Lunghini).

Nadia, 15, is a member of the youth wing of the French Communist Party. She is a firebrand in both personal and ideological terms.

Despite her tender years, she has already had a string of lovers, a cause of great concern to her father, a stodgy, puritanical man who fears she will become pregnant. Nadia, too, is no slouch when it comes to taking part in anti-American political demonstrations. She is a true believer and naively thinks that there is no better society than that in the Soviet Union and no more an idealistic a leader than Joseph Stalin.

One night, the police break up a demonstration in which she has participated. But before they disperse the crowd, the cops beat up Nadia, leaving her bloodied. Stephane (Lambert Wilson), a freelance photographer, takes Nadia back to his flat and snaps a few photographs of her lying unconscious. He also cleans her up.

When she awakes, Stephane offers her a drink. "Is it American?" she asks. Nadia, who has a black and white view of the world but who nevertheless likes the American actress Rita Hayworth, downs the drink when she learns it is Scotch.

Discovering that Stephane works for Paris Match, covers of which adorn his wall, Nadia groans, "Oh no, not for that fascist rag."

After a bit, Nadia admits that Stephane is the "first real bourgeois" she has seen in "flesh and blood."

Strangely enough, the pair are attracted to each other. Nadia has grave reservations about his politics, while Stephane mocks her uncritical allegiance to Communism and the cult of Stalin. But the two gradually fall in love, a state of affairs that alarms Herschel and her friends in the Communist Party.

Meanwhile, Bronka gets a letter from the long-lost Moishe informing her of his imminent return to Paris. Bronka has never stopped loving Moishe, but she has learned to appreciate Herschel's qualities.

At a party in Moishe's honor, Moishe shocks his fellow Jewish Communists by denouncing Stalin and describing the Soviet Union as anything but a worker's paradise.

Moishe is bitter and disillusioned. He was exiled to a gulag in Siberia, beaten, and verbally abused by anti-semitic guards.

He shows them an ugly gash on his back, but his friends scoff at his tales. They cannot believe that corruption and stagnation have set in, and that anti-semitism has not been stamped out. Herschel is one of those who refuses to accept Moishe's horror stories. If Stalin hadn't defeated Hitler, wouldn't all Jews have been exterminated? he argues.

East and West shall not meet. Moishe makes good on a promise to go to America, Bronka opts to remain with Herschel. Nadia learns that Stephane has enlisted in the army and is off to Indochina.

Rouge Baiser is an attractive film that succeeds in fusing all these seemingly loose strands together. And its knack for welding comedy with high seriousness is admirable.

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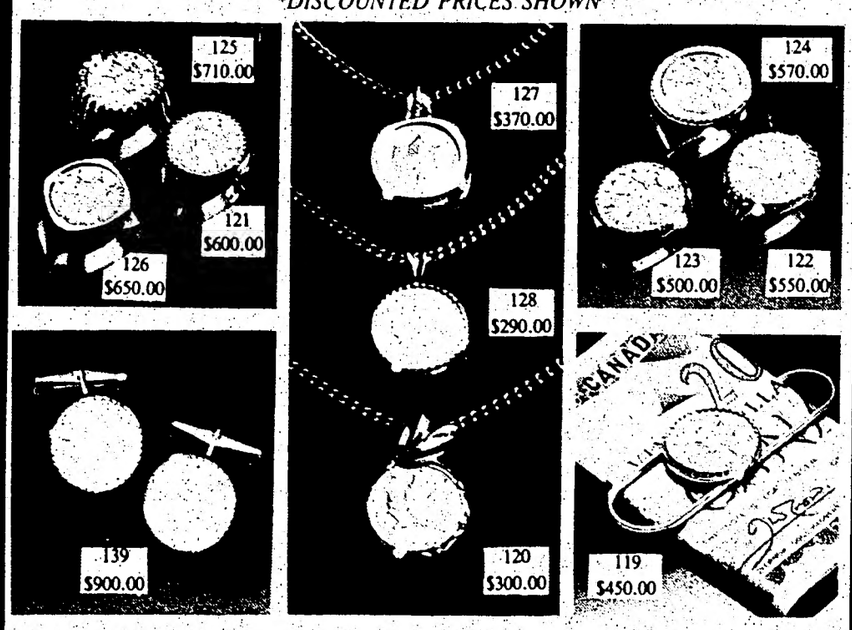

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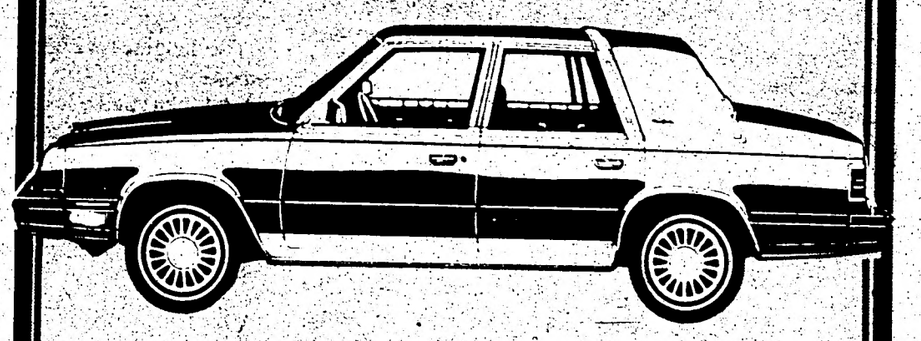

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Curse Of The Starving Class

Shepard play most satisfying work

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Sam Shepard, the Pulitzer Prize-winning American playwright, might well be described as the Eugene O'Neill of the contemporary theatre.

Like O'Neill, his plays deal with members of a family, torn asunder by greed for land, drunkeness, and betrayals of each other's pipe dreams.

But unlike O'Neill, whose inarticulate characters groped for words to express their private agonies, Shepard peoples his plays with families given to earthy wit and lyrical soliloquies.

Moreover, his dramas about grindingly poor rural folk have a wonderful surreal quality, studded with scenes of black and malicious and almost grotesque comedy, which often explode into violence.

Curse Of The Starving Class, **which is playing until Jan. 4 at the Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St., 864-9971, is one of Shepard's most satisfying works, and director Michele George has staged it magnificently.**

Nadine Rabinovitch (left) as a hungry adolescent and Marrie Mumford as her indolent mother star in Sam Shepard's powerful drama, Curse Of The Starving Class.

The focal point of designer Adam Kolodziej's gaunt set is a filthy (and empty) refrigerator in the flimsy shack of a farm family, who may be economically down and out, but rich in their individualistic fantasy life.

Each member of the family dreams of escape from the brutish reality, and all engage in an emotional tug of war with each other.

The father is a paunchy, blustering alcoholic, who tries to escape from his bad debts in booze, and on one of his binges has sold his land to a saloon keeper with the intention of making his fortune in Mexico.

The mother is a sloppy, lazy, frustrated housewife, with fuzzy dreams of traveling to glamourous places in Europe, and in her turn is trying to sell the farm to an unctuous land developer with a fancy sales spiel.

The daughter is a bright, ambitious ball of fire, with a tart tongue and a love for cars and aspires to escape elsewhere making her fortune as a larcenous auto mechanic.

The son is a dreamy, semi-retarded farm hand, whose immediate goal is to somehow fill the fridge with food and whose long-range desire is to make an emotional connection with his bullying father who keeps rejecting him.

Superficially, they may seem like freaks. But Shepard is such a gifted dramatist that they vibrate with animalistic energy and emerge as credible humans, no matter how absurd — and hilarious — their actions may be.

For example, the evening's biggest laugh occurs in this bizarre scene:

The mother has just awakened from a sleep atop the kitchen table, using a pile of dirty laundry as her pillow. She doesn't blink an eyelash as she watches her son, stark naked, enter the kitchen, pick up a live maggoty sheep which has been bedded down in a playpen in the corner, and walk out with the creature baaing in his arms.

The mother yawns and says with unconcerned resignation: "Nothing surprises me anymore."

The actors pull off such grotesqueries convincingly because they are uniformly superb performers.

I found outstanding Nadine Rabinovitch as the demonic daughter; Pat Patterson as the drunken — yet somehow moving — father; Paul Boretski as the backward son, especially in an uproarious soliloquy in which he describes the zombies of urban civilization; and Marrie Mumford as the mother with moonbeams on her mind.

It's a powerful, haunting and savagely funny play, well worth seeing.

National Arts Club to honor Harry Rasky

TORONTO —

CBC producer Harry Rasky will be honored by the National Arts Club of America in New York at a special dinner on Dec. 5.

Rasky, winner of numerous ACTRA Awards, two Emmies, and the Director's Guild of America Award for directorial achievement in television, is being cited for his contribution to the arts of North America.

As guest speaker, the focus of his speech will be his friendship with Tennessee Williams. The two became friends when Rasky produced *Tennessee Williams' South* for the CBC.

The film and his friendship are the subject of a new book by Rasky, called *Tennessee Williams, A Portrait In Laughter And Lamentation*.

Rasky is best known for his profiles of famous people, among them Marc Chagall, Yousuf Karsh, Leonard Cohen and George Bernard Shaw.

Rasky's upcoming CBC production *To Mend The World*, airs next spring. This program presents the Holocaust through the eyes and hearts of artists whose legacy is a testament to life.

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Arts

Holds 40-year retrospective at O'Keefe Centre

Gilbert seeks to capture human feeling in photos

By
FRANK RASKY

Master portrait photographer Al Gilbert.

TORONTO —

Theatregoers and art-lovers will enjoy the triple pleasure of being multi-Gilbertized when they drop around to the lower lounge of the O'Keefe Centre from now until Dec. 14.

In the past, to be "Gilbertized" meant you had joined the gallery of celebrated faces, ranging from Wayne & Shuster to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who have been enshrined for posterity by Al Gilbert, one of Canada's leading master craftsmen in the art of camera portraiture.

To be sure, you'll find 60 such portraits of luminaries at the O'Keefe Centre exhibition, and they run the gamut from theatre impresario Ed Mirvish to novelist Robertson Davies, from Rabbi Gunther Plaut to crooner Frank Sinatra.

But since this is a multi-Gilbertian occasion — indeed, a unique family show — you'll also find on display samples of the works of Gilbert's gifted daughter and son.

His daughter is 39-year-old abstract artist Nina Gilbert, who is exhibiting 19 of her luminous nature studies in oil — evoking in warm colors sky, water, trees, flowers, and air.

His son is 36-year-old photographer Michael Gilbert, who may be a chip off the old block but no copy-cat clone of his father. He has on exhibit 36 portraits of children in which he specializes, and they reflect humor and sensitivity and a feeling of intimate charm. One amusing photo, for example, shows a boy crouched inside a dog house, and poised on top of the house is the mutt itself.

There's no doubt, though, that the major attraction will be the works of their famous 64-year-old father, a retrospective of his 40 years of achievement as a master photographer. He is the co-founder of the Canadian Professional Photographers of Canada; he is a three times winner of the Canadian Professional Photographer of the Year Award.

Meeting the master himself comes as a surprise. In a CJN interview at his studio on Davenport Rd., he came across as a rather shy and super-sensitive introvert, who conceals himself behind the viewfinder of one of his $5,000 Hasselblad cameras.

He is a square-shaped, 5-foot-7 bundle of energy, with curly white hair sprouting abundantly atop a face, which, he says with quiet amusement, "has gone through the wars." Most noticeable of his wounds is a broken nose busted in a basketball game in his youth, which gives him a majestic Caesar-like profile.

And his cloistered seclusion in a windowless darkroom over the years developing negatives, has given him a monk's pasty pallor. But he considers it all a worthwhile apprenticeship for his mastery over his art, which he describes this way:

"I'm like a theatre director, staging a scene," he says. "With a symphony conductor like Victor Feldbrill, I try to marry him to his natural environment — reading a musical score while seated in a concert hall. With a business executive like Neville Kirchmann, president of Coca-Cola of Canada, I try to project the dynamic image sought by his corporation.

"With a child, I try to capture a fleeting moment in a kid's crowded life, laughing or playing or just wondering about it all. With a bride, I try to eavesdrop on a special private moment, when she's all aglow at the crowning ceremony of her life."

I asked, "Does that mean you set out to prettify people?"

"Well, I believe there's beauty in the seemingly ugliest person, and I prefer to seek out that quality," he said. "When I was learning the business, we called it cosmetic photography. Prettiness was achieved by retouching.

"But now I try to capture with controlled natural lighting, a softness, a human feeling. Some may see it as prettiness. But I see it as love."

He acquired his passion for the art from his father, Nathan Gittelmacher, a master retoucher who escaped from cossack pogroms in Russia to set up the Elite Photo Studio on Queen St. near Bathurst.

"We lived over the store and we slept three to a bed," says Gilbert, recalling growing up there with his brothers Lou and Jack and sister Ruth.

He retains the vivid image of himself as a 10-year-old boy after school helping his father develop photos in the cellar. After washing the prints, both would stay up practically all night, wiping them and then spreading them out to dry on the family's white bedsheets placed on the floors throughout the two bedrooms and kitchen.

In the morning, before anyone else had woke up, they'd mount the prints. Then they'd painstakingly hand tint and retouch to prettify the oldstyle brown-tone portraits.

His mother, Nina Sokoloff, of Germanic stock, also helped build the business. "She did all the selling in front of the store and helped my dad do the wedding setups in the back," he says. "She had on hand a bouquet of fake flowers to be carried by the bride and a long false train to be pinned on the bridal gown."

He recalls how Jewish families loved posing in front of painted backdrops of Niagara Falls. Invariably, the immigrant father displayed his vest resplendent with fountain pens in the pocket.

—"It was to prove to relatives back home in the Old Country how prosperously the greenhorn was faring in the New World of Canada," he says.

Thanks in part to his wife, Gail Prusky Gilbert, who has been his chief saleswoman, public relations cheerleader and morale booster, Gilbert has since prospered handsomely here to the point where his subjects have ranged from Pope John Paul II to Prime Minister Golda Meir.

He surprised me most with his answer when I asked him, "Do you try to capture the essential character of your subjects?"

"No," he said thoughtfully. "I believe it's impossible to really get inside a person and with a single image photograph your soul. All my photographs reflect my search for my own interior character. Really, what I'm looking for is myself."

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Enchanting Sholem Aleichem show

Persoff's timing wonderful to behold in 1-man show

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

After the show, the woman seated behind me summed it up rather nicely.

"It's fun," she said, "to be able to laugh at our own Jewish roots."

She was referring to Nehemiah Persoff's 1-man show, *Sholem Aleichem*, which is running until Dec. 20 at the Leah Posluns Theatre (630-6752).

I agree, without qualification, that his show is even more enchanting than the one I saw him present originally at the Leah Posluns back in 1972.

For those not in the know, Persoff is the 67-year-old, Jerusalem-born, Broadway and Hollywood character actor. He is probably best known for his portrayal of Barbra Streisand's father in the film *Yentl*, and is currently gathering glowing reviews for voicing the Papa Mousekewitz character in Steven Speilberg's cartoon film, *An American Tail*.

Nehemiah Persoff

And Sholem Aleichem, of course, is the pen name of Solomon Rabinowitz. He was the beloved humorist whose Yiddish folk tales about the fictitious Russian shtetl of Kasrilevka at the turn of the century became the basis of the Broadway musical *Fiddler On The Roof*.

As if by magic, Persoff resurrects the teeming life of that little village, where "Jews were packed together like shmaltz herring in a barrel."

He does so with no props, no scenery, using only his magical gifts as an actor to people it with a gallery of sharply drawn characters. They range from a rabbi who walks at a bent-over angle, because he's so wise he "almost topples with brains," to Tevye, the Milkman, "that shlemiel with a shlemozel of a horse."

There is no malice in Persoff's affectionate portraits. He makes his entrance onstage radiating warmth, a stubby, gray-moustached man dressed in a gold-colored vest and a gray frock coat and wearing a fluorescent smile.

Throughout his 2-hour show, he dances, sings, sips glasses of tea from a Russian samovar, and occasionally chats with the ghostly spirit of Sholem Aleichem who is represented by a manuscript laid out on a chair.

His timing as he acts out five of Sholem Aleichem's short stories is wonderful to behold.

In a delightful vignette, he recounts how a suspected thief puts up a great struggle when refusing to be searched for 1,800 missing rubles at the synagogue service during Yom Kippur.

Persoff points out that it's little wonder he balked so strenously. "They didn't find the rubles in his pockets," he says, "but they did find two chicken bones and six toothpicks . . ." a long pause . . . *"still warm!"*

Persoff wisely doesn't ignore the sadness of Jewish survival in his humorous folk tales. Most poignant is his recital of the story of a family who sat *shiva*, mourning the symbolic death of a son forced to revoke his Jewish faith in order to circumvent the quota system at a university where he hoped to become a doctor.

But, by and large, these are tales of *freilichkeit* told by a master yarnspinner in the Yiddish idiom.

As Persoff justly phrases it at the beginning of his show, "I want to share with you the Jewish soul food of Sholem Aleichem — I guarantee you it's *geshmak*."

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TORONTO —

Imagine cooking up a succulent muskox meat loaf with quail eggs, roasting delicious caribou with peppercorns, and baking ptarmigan with cranberries.

Of course, you might have a little trouble catching this form of exotic beef on the hoof and bird on the wing, all native of Arctic Canada.

But at least you can have fun reading about their preparation in *Across The Table: An Indulgent Look At Food In Canada* (Prentice-Hall Canada, $12.95).

The author is that witty Jewish food maven from Winnipeg, Cynthia Wine, who scolds us: "The Canadian stomach doesn't travel enough in Canada."

However, if you're not one for wandering about on gastronomic expeditions, you'll also find appetizing her closer-to-home recipes for hot beet borscht and roast capon with buckwheat honey and kasha stuffing.

And the watercolors of dishes by Canadian artist Mary Pratt are also delectable.

If you're a oeonophile (wine lover) as well as an esser and fresser with gourmet pretentions, you'll have a pleasurable time with Florence Fabricant's *Pleasures Of The Table* (Prentice-Hall Canada, $38.95).

Fabricant, who is a food and wine contributor to such publications as the New York Times and Harper's Bazaar, has compiled 185 luscious recipes and couples them with wine talk that is neither highfalutin' nor loaded with jargon.

The photographs in color of Food and wine combinations also look scrumptuous.

Julia Aiken, the editor of Canadian a la carte Magazine, has assembled a honey of a cookbook in *Baker's Secret* **(Grosvenor House Press, $12.95).**

It's an easy-to-follow baker's delight of delicacies. Particularly mouthwatering are her recipes for chocolate truffle cake, brandy alexander gateau and what she calls "the definitive chocolate chunk cookie."

For calorie-counters who love food nevertheless, I'd recommend *Light & Easy Choices: Food For Fitness, Nutrition and Fun* (Grosvenor House Press, $12.95).

Toronto author Kay Spicer has put it together in cooperation with the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The calories and carbohydrates are meticulously listed for the nicely illustrated recipes.

As a soup freak, I found especially appealing her orange tomato bouillon, her salmon carrot bisque and bean sprout egg drop soup.

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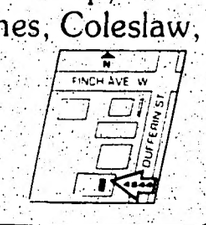

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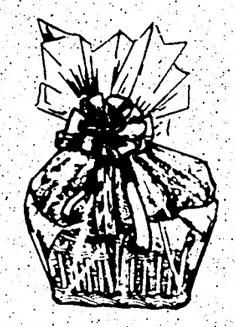

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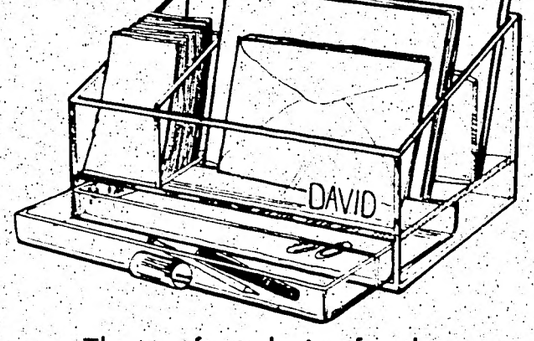

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New anthology gleans from previous books

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Collected Poems, by Miriam Waddington. Oxford University Press $24.95 (paper bound).

In a helpful afterword to this volume of poems culled from 11 previous books — the earliest published in 1945 — the author confides that her intention was always to make language transparent and simple "so that it could say something that others would recognize and respond to."

Apart from a group of poems written in the 60s that were experimental in both form and content she has largely succeeded in asserting her "passion for meaning." Her subject matter eschews the abstract and metaphysical and reflects her varied concerns as social worker, lover of nature, teacher, wife, mother, Jew and Canadian.

In The Seasons Lovers (1958) some of the poems flow from Waddington's personal experience as an observer of Montreal courts and prisons. They deal with the harsh reality of lives warped by poverty and neglect, "the strange innocence of the weak and rejected." The drug addict becomes a figure of myth and folklore:

He went down like a hero
defending his own kind,
And in some paradise
which still eludes our lust
He climbs the beanstalk
and with a shadowy knife
Stabs at the giant, cuts the
glittering dust,
And cries at the blood of
his own life.

In A Song of North York between Sheppard and Finch the poet celebrates the sounds and smells of the big city:

Begin at nine the stroke of
your salvation
and the whole world opens
its secret drawer of spring;
all North York assaults my
rattling window
the shabby wind blows up
a smell of gasoline
and parking meters shine
like newly coined teenagers
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fly past on Yonge street
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Wives' Tales brings a personal, yet cryptic, revelation:

When I married
my English
husband my Jewish
father said:
he'll get drunk
come home and
beat you, you'll starve or
feed on green
pork stew —
well he didn't
and I didn't.

And my mother
being more
practical said:
if at least he
was a professor —
well he wan't
and I was or
became.

Furthermore,
my mother said,
with a marriage
like that it's
plain curtains
for simple
you —

Well it was
curtains
in a way for a
while for me;
but for him
it was curtains
too and for him
forever and for
always.

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Former National Ballet soloist gives class at Koffler Centre

Colleen Cool

TORONTO — Colleen Cool, former soloist with the National Ballet is being featured as guest artist at the Koffler Centre School of Dance.

She is teaching a special repertoire class for intermediate/advanced students of classical ballet. The dances to be taught are based on the roles she performed during her long career as a ballerina.

Jacque Foesier, director of the Koffler Centre School of Dance at the Jewish Community Centre, is offering this opportunity to all intermediate/advanced students of ballet, regardless of where they train, to take advantage of working first-hand with Cool.

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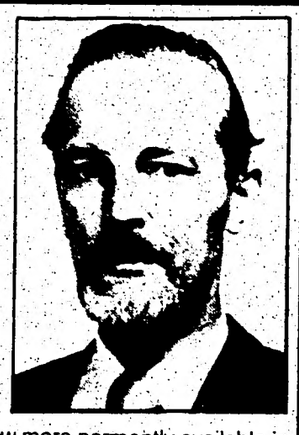

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Temple's Our Musical Heritage features major talent

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Holy Blossom Temple's 1986-87 Our Musical Heritage series will combine major musical talent from both Toronto and elsewhere in the presentation of enlightening concerts spanning varied spheres of Jewish music past and present.

Following Aviva Katzman's concert last week, guest Cantor Edward Fogel of Sha'are Emeth Congregation, St. Louis, will perform Cantorial Gems on Jan. 16. Cantor Benjamin Maissner will join Fogel in a program of liturgical and art songs.

On Shabbat Shira weekend, there will be three separate programs: (1) The Elegance of the Jewish Renaissance, featuring liturgical music of Salomone Rossi, (2) Music of the Sephardi Jews, and (3) a gala concert on Feb. 13 of early Hebrew art music.

Participants will be Maissner, the Ensemble for Early Jewish Music, harpsichordist Douglas Bodle and the Holy Blossom Temple Singers.

A gala concert on April 23 will feature cellist Ofra Harnoy, violinist Moshe Hammer and pianist Elyakim Taussig. Proceeds will support construction of an elevator at Holy Blossom.

Composer-in-residence Samuel Adler, professor of composition at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, will be featured in a complete weekend in his honor May 29-31.

Following a Brotherhood Breakfast Club discussion led by Adler entitled Music in the Synagogue: How and Why?, there will be a concert consisting solely of his secular, biblical and choral music on May 31. Participants again include Maissner, Bodle, the Temple Singers and an instrumental ensemble.

For further information about these events call 789-3291.

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Mordechai Ben David, who has thrilled audiences with his vocal renditions of his original chassidic melodies, will make his third Toronto concert appearance Dec. 7 at Minkler Auditorium.

A member of the famous Brooklyn cantorial Werdyger family, Ben David has produced countless best selling albums that feature his own compositions in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Also featured will be Sandy Shmuely, an Israeli-born singer living in New York, whose repertoire blends chassidic, Sephardi and contemporary Jewish rock styles.

This annual National Council of Synagogue Youth concert has been a regular sellout. For further information, call David Woolf at 749-5131.

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The music soundtrack is all important in determining the overall effects of each individual work of the Judith Marcuse Repertory Dance Company of Canada, which recently performed for a week at Toronto's Winchester Street Theatre.

When the music works, so does the choreography and performance by the Vancouver-based Marcuse company. But when the soundtrack lacks such captivation, everything else seems to flounder.

Excitement prevailed during the opening and closing works of the Toronto program: Time Out, set to recent African pop hits, and Cortege, set to Claudio Monteverdi's baroque cantata Gloria Concertata.

In tune to the pulsating music of opposite eras and styles, there was a tightly paced, varied, visually memorable choreographed structure pervaded by a vibrant exuberance.

But in Big Shoulders, choreographed by New York's Lar Lubovitch and set to a monotonous "sound collage" of a construction site, there was an amorphous lack of dramatic buildup and resolution.

Generally speaking, Marcuse's own choreographed selections were more successful than were the offerings from other choreographers such as Ginette Laurin or Danny Grossman.

Puppeteers Marjorie Rael and Diane McConnell are seen with some of the puppet friends they will use to entertain at the ROM theatre.

Puppet show offers adaptation of Yiddish tale

TORONTO — Grandmother's Gift, an adaptation of a popular Yiddish folk tale, is one segment of a holiday season puppet performance at the Royal Ontario Museum.

With colorful and humorous puppets, the 2-women troupe known as Puppet Tails will bring to life this story of a young boy's unhappiness with his life, the museum states in a release.

Also included in the 5-part performance running Dec. 26-31 and Jan. 2-4 in the ROM theatre are native Indian and other folk tales and legends, and an original story about what the world would be like if the dinosaurs came back tomorrow.

Puppet Tails was founded by Marjorie Rael and Diane McConnell and the puppeteers use both rod and glove and shadow puppets as part of their performance.

Special events

The show is suitable for children 3-12. Admission is $3, adults; $2, seniors and children. Showtimes are at 1 and 2:30 p.m.; Dec. 26 and 31, 2:30 only. The program is part of Home For The Holidays, a series of special events from Dec. 3 - Jan. 4, sponsored by Carlton Cards.

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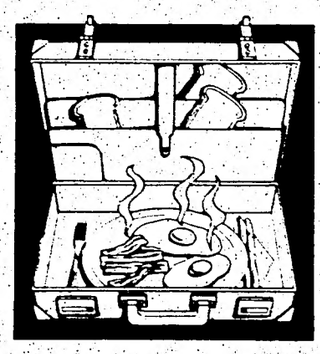

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El Al packages sure to lure winter travelers

By
LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO —
There's only one word to describe El Al's travel package to Israel, and that's "sunsational."

So says Rehavia Ben-Shach, vice-president and general manager for Canada of Israel's national airline.

Sitting in El Al's new offices at 151 Bloor St. W., a smiling Ben-Shach talked about the programs.

"In a bid to lure senior citizens to sunny Israel instead of sunny Florida during the winter months, El Al introduced a package for seniors (anyone over 60) on Nov. 11.

"The package includes return airfare from Canada to Israel; 20 nights in superior or deluxe hotels and you may split your stay between different hotels in the same category as long as you make your choices before departure from Canada, and 20% discount on food and beverages within the hotels."

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As low as $1,405 (Cdn) if flying from Montreal and staying in any of the Dan hotels. From Toronto, $1,450; Vancouver $1,650; Calgary $1,620; Winnipeg $1,560; and Edmonton $1,620.

To stay at the Laromme Jerusalem Hotel or The Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv, add $125 to the above prices.

Although this package is for seniors over 60 only, Ben-Shach says that if one person is over 60 and their spouse is under 60, both are eligible.

"We want to show seniors that they can go to Israel for the winter and at a price that's very affordable."

There's more.

Another package open to everyone offers return airfare, six nights hotel and six days car rental for as little as $1,115 (Cdn). Your hotel stay can be either in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

These special prices for the above packages are in effect until March 15, 1987.

But that's not all.

"We have just introduced a new program," says Ben-Shach, "designed for the religious and traditional Jews. It consists of tours of Israel in all kinds of combinations and should prove very appealing to the large religious population we have here in Canada.

"These tours, which are being handled by Akiva Tours in Israel, include visits to religious sites, learning periods and lectures. It's a very exciting program."

A sample of one of the programs offered is the Yarchai Kallah which is designed to serve the requirements of the observant Jew while relaxing in the setting of a luxurious holiday village.

This lecture/tour package is an 11-day, 10-night luxury excursion which features lectures on Torah and Jewish thought, presented in English, by leading rabbis and educators.

Accommodations, says Ben-Shach, "are at the beautiful, new Kinar Holiday Village located on the Kineret, near Hamat Gader."

Some of the highlights of this tour include a cantorial concert featuring world-renowned artists; excursion for men and women to Hamat Gader Hot Springs; a daily Daf Yomi class before Shaharit; full-day tours to holy sites at Miron, Safed and Amukah and a tour of the northern Golan Heights.

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Ontario beckons with wintertime fun

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

OTTAWA —

Not everyone heads for warmer climes when the snow comes. Judging by Ontario's calendar of activities there will be plenty to do for those hardy souls who prefer to enjoy the winter near home.

Here in the country's capital, for example, Feb. 6 to 15 will see Winterlude in full swing with activities from sled dog races to hot air balloon rides, Canadian figure skating championships and harness racing on the ice of the frozen Rideau Canal.

There will be such unusual events as bed racing on the Rideau Canal ice when teams of skaters will push brass beds on steel runners along the ice, and there will be speed racing on skates on what is claimed as the longest skating rink in the world, the 5 miles (8 kms.) of the Rideau Canal.

During Winterlude there will be ice sculpture exhibits along the canal's parkways and downtown sidestreets, pee-wee hockey games, a 100-mile (160 km.) ski marathon and many other events. And among the museums in Ottawa there is a Canadian Ski Museum (at 457A Sussex Dr.) with early Canadian ski equipment on display.

At Sault Ste. Marie you can attend the Bon Soo Carnival from Jan. 30 to Feb. 8, one of the largest winter festivals in the province. Events include a polar bear swim, snowmobile racing, curling bonspiels, fashion shows, pancake breakfasts, log sawing competitions, and fiddle contests.

The Snowflake Festival is at Sudbury, the weekend of Feb. 5 to 8, with hockey tournaments, skiing events, ethnic food fair, snow sculptures, sleigh rides, figure skating, dances and fireworks. In between the outdoor activities, you can drop in at the recently opened Science North exhibition.

The Muskoka Winter Carnival is at Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Huntsville from Feb. 12 to 15 with torchlight parades, broomball tournaments, a polar dip, snowmobile races and many other fun events for children and adults, as well as pancake breakfasts.

The same weekend at Southampton on Lake Huron is Heritage Weekend when the locals dress in turn-of-the-century costumes. There will be old-fashioned games, arts and craft displays and ski races.

At Barry's Bay, a lumber town north of Ottawa, Feb. 20 to 22, there's the Timberlost Winter Weekend with skiing, skating, ice fishing, logging demonstrations and snowmobiling.

Indian art crafts

Parry Sound on Georgian Bay holds a Winter Carnival Week from Feb. 7 to 14 with ice fishing, Ojibway Indian art crafts, native Indian dances and snowmobiling. At Walden, near Sudbury, the Winter Carnival is Feb. 9 to 15 where you will be able to play snowshoe golf, participate in downhill torchlight ski parades, and a fishing derby.

There will be an historic re-enactment at Prescott on the St. Lawrence River Feb. 21 and 22, to remember the capture of Ogdensburg on the U.S. side of the river in the War of 1812. Across the river in Ogdensburg the battle of 174 years ago will be acted out once more.

At Brantford, home of the Six Nations Indians the annual Snowsnake Tournament takes place Jan. 24 and 25 with teams from Canada and the United States Indian communities taking part in the old Indian woodcraft game.

The Bonnechere Cup snowmobile races take place at Eganville, north of Ottawa, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, on a half-mile oval ice race track.

At Ottawa on Feb. 7 the Sno-Doo-100 will be held, a 100-mile snowmobile race with checkpoints every 10 miles, and a hot meal for the racers at the 50-mile mark.

At Owen Sound the Jan. 3 and 4 weekend will have the Georgian Cup snowmobile race with $20,000 in prize money.

Cross-country ski races will be held on Jan. 11 at Huntsville for ladies, men and junior events. At Bracebridge Langlauf cross-country ski races for all age groups are slated for Jan. 24. At Apsley in the Kawartha area, a Ski Tour is planned for Feb. 7 and 8, with varying length events for all ages, and a 55-km. race.

Canadian champion ski jumps are at Thunder Bay Jan. 24 and 25 with 70- and 90-metre jumps. At Collingwood the Best Ever series of Canadian Alpine ski events are Feb. 28 and March 1.

And for those who favor cultural events during the winter months almost every community has art exhibits, theatrical and musical events planned. (Write Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 2E5, for a complete calendar of Ontario Winter Events.)

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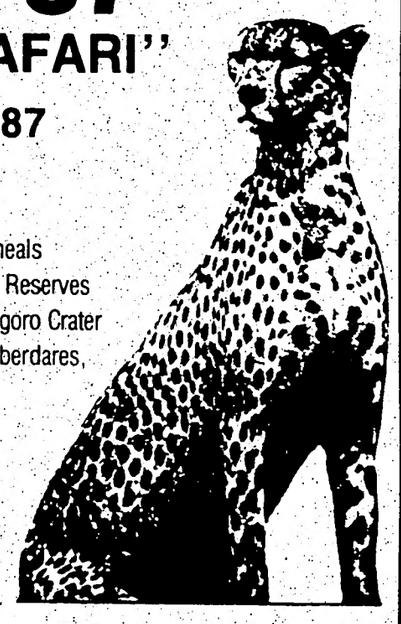
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Key West exudes a bohemian charm

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

KEY WEST, Fla. —
Key West is as much a state of mind as a thriving tourist town.

It's a place where you relax and unwind. It's where you forget your troubles and bask under a warm tropical sun.

The charm of Key West, some 150 miles south of Miami, lies in its unpretentiousness and down-to-earth atmosphere. Here you can be yourself.

Key West exudes a shambling, bohemian, slightly disreputable air, but it is perfectly safe, probably far safer — and saner — than, say, New York City.

The first thing you notice about Key West is its architecture. It is different, at least in the older parts around Mallory Square.

The gingerbread style for which Key West is known was perfected by ship's carpenters, who were interested in simple, clean lines but also lacy woodwork. So what you see are high peaked tin roofs, cute cupolas, wide porches with slender square columns and graceful shuttered windows.

The roofs were designed to catch rainwater, which was stored in cisterns below. Key West has no water of its own and before a pipeline was laid in the early 1940s, Key Westers relied on rain to quench their thirst.

The expansive porches were ideal against oppressively hot and humid days, and the shutters let in light and air, yet kept out the sultry sun. The cupolas were used as lookouts from which to scan the nearby coral reefs for ships that had run aground.

Before the advent of reliable navigational charts and lighthouses, many a ship came to ruin on the treacherous reef surrounding Key West. Wreckers salvaged the cargo and grew rich. And while wrecking was Key West's main industry for years, the town also depended on on its cigar factories and turtle canning plants.

Until 1912, Key West was inaccessible by land, there being no roads or railways. But in that year Henry Flagler's railroad from the Florida mainland was completed, and suddenly Key West was open to everyone.

Key West's prosperity seemed assured. But several events — the collapse of the sugar market in Cuba, the demise of the cigar industry, the closing of the naval station, the Depression and the hurricane of 1935 which destroyed the railway — conspired to wreck it.

By the mid-1930s, Key West was bankrupt, a sleepy place with no future. Looking for ways to revive Key West, city fathers resolved to promote one of its heretofore neglected natural assets: its climate.

Key West has fairly pleasant weather most of the year, especially in winter.

Since the construction of the Overseas Highway in 1938, Key West has become enormously popular, particularly in the winter months when much of North America is in a deep freeze. From December to April, the peak season, the average mean temperature is about 70 to 75 F.

Key West has some fine hotels, the finest of which are Pier House, Casa Marina, The Reach and the newly-renovated La Concha.

Treasure trove displayed

The beaches in Key West are all right, though not as good as in the Caribbean.

The influence of the sea on Key West is pervasive.

At Land's End Village, where the local shrimp fleet is anchored, you can wander into either the Half Shell Raw Bar or the Turtle Kraals restaurant and enjoy fairly inexpensive seafood dishes like conch fritters, red snapper fillets and fried oyster sandwiches.

At around sunset, you can walk over to the Mallory docks and watch acrobats, fire jugglers and contortionists performing their nightly routines.

For an excellent photo opportunity, wander over to the intersection of Whitehead and South, where a brightly painted sign tells you you've reached the southernmost point in the U.S. From this marker, Havana is only 90 nautical miles away.

One of the most interesting attractions is Mel Fisher's Treasure Exhibit. Fisher is an adventurer and salvager. Several years ago, he located the wreck of the Spanish galleon Atocha, which went down in a hurricane with all hands aboard in 1622. Divers found a veritable treasure trove of gold and silver bars, exquisite jewelry, firearms, medallions and plates worth about $200 million.

Part of the treasure trove is displayed in glass cases for all to gawk at. A graphic National Geographic film recounts Fisher's exploits.

It's worth exploring the local aquarium. You can watch an attendant feeding the sharks, or peer into the aquariums and see all kinds of fish, including the amazingly ugly splotched black-and-beige jewfish, a member of the grouper clan.

If its seashells you're after, browse around the Shell Warehouse. Fresh water river clam shells are beautiful to look at, but so are Hebrew Volute shells. Displayed above the counter are the jaws of a great white shark. It's yours for the princely sum of $1,050.

The best way to end your day in Key West is by getting aboard the Miss Key West at 7.15 for a 1-hour narrated cruise of the harbor.

The singing guide, who is fond of 1960s folk songs, hams it up as Miss Key West skims over the still waters. The boat stops as the sun sets, and as it disappears beneath the waves as an orange disc, our guide serenades the passsengers with a somewhat corny love song that brings smiles of appreciation to nearly everyone's faces.

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Business Outlook

Priority registration the way to go

Condos selling like hot cakes

By SUE TENNANT

TORONTO —

Condominiums are the hottest selling item on the real estate market today. Exceeding even the most optimistic predictions, it has been reported in a recent survey, that over 4,000 condominiums were sold in Metro Toronto in the first six months of this year, and over 1,200 of them were downtown.

As a result, more and more people are competing for prime condominiums in choice locations and this pent-up demand is revolutionizing the way condominiums are being marketed.

Often a project is sold-out before most people ever hear about it. If you are one of the many thinking about purchasing a condominium, it will be helpful for you to understand the benefits of this new marketing program, how it works and how to use it to your best advantage. Understanding the process and the rationale behind it will give you a competitive edge as a buyer. This program is called priority registration.

Priority registration is simply submitting a detailed application to buy a condominium on a first come, first serve basis, well in advance of construction and public marketing.

It's not entirely new. It basically started back in 1977 when Tridel capitalized on a government assistance program and developed Homesite 77 - 46.

The benefits of priority registration to the purchaser are substantial. No expensive sales presentation centre or model suites are featured, cutting the developer's costs by as much as $400,000 - $500,000 and saving the purchaser, who has the ability to read plans and use his/her imagination 2-3% on the purchase price.

Also, the builder must get all of his costs in the before he can begin a priority registration program, which means negotiating all building contracts up front so that he's assured of delivering the product effectively.

The buyer has the security of a fixed purchase price — the best possible pre-sale price, before increases and for a product that won't be available for at least a year and a half down the road.

When he closes, the building will be completed, fully occupied and operating, eliminating the limbo zone of the past caused by title registration delays.

When a priority application is returned by a potential purchaser, it is time- and date-stamped for fairness and the applicant is contacted immediately to be invited to preview and buy based on his or her priority status.

Now here's where things have changed dramatically. To buy smart, one must be prepared to make a purchase decision in less time than might be required to buy groceries.

And the quality of that decision is based on the advanced preparation of the buyer, the status of his priority positioning, and the ability of the salesperson to communicate enough information to stimulate the buyer's imagination from floorplans, architectural renderings, perhaps a scaled model of the finished project and a list of features.

Advanced preparation is very important. Buyers must carefully reassess their own personal lifestyles and take a good hard look at their financial situations.

Condominium living is a simplification and streamlining of the style of living and requires paring down. Questions must be asked. What sacrifices or tradeoffs are necessary and can be made willingly? How many bedrooms and bathrooms are really needed? Is a view important or is it necessary to be at on a low floor? What finishing details are really significant? What features are a priority in a suite? Are recreational facilities going to be used? What parts of the city feel most comfortable? Is it important to be close to a park? shopping? the lake? downtown? family and friends? work? expressways?

A check list should be made to review with the salesperson. It will save time and help zero in on a decision that needs to be made intelligently.

For more information call Martin Atkins Real Estate Ltd., at 960-1041.

Metropolitan Life makes big move

TORONTO —

Ottawa-based Metropolitan Life, a leader in the financial services industry, says it will be the principal occupant of Toronto's new One University Avenue building.

The announcement was made jointly by Charles N. Armstrong, president, Canadian operations of Metropolitan, and Allan W. Reeve, executive director of the Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement Board (OMERS) and president of One University Avenue Inc., an OMERS subsidiary company which owns the striking 18-storey building at the junction of University Ave., York and Front Sts. in downtown Toronto.

The One University Avenue building, with its prismatic glass structure and crystalline gemlike surfaces, has been named Metropolitan Place. The leasing arrangement covers the top five floors of the building and will provide accommodation for several key company divisions already located in Toronto.

Armstrong said that Metropolitan's decision to be the lead tenant at One University Avenue will give his company "a more visible presence in Toronto . . . Public awareness is a key ingredient to market success and One University Avenue will help us develop that in Canada's largest financial services market."

The architect of One University Avenue is Brian Brisbin of Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects. Finishing touches to the interior and exterior of the building are currently being completed.

The Metropolitan lease will cover about 70,000 square feet of the 258,000 available.

Armstrong said Metropolitan's investment division, pension division and group operations, Ontario regional sales offices, and property and casualty subsidiary, Metropolitan Insurance Company, would be the initial occupants at One University Avenue. The relocation of some 200 employees from other downtown Toronto locations has begun and will be completed in early December.

Japhet of Bank Leumi resigns from affiliates

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Ernst Japhet, former board chairman of Bank Leumi, one of Israel's largest banks, resigned last week from chairmanship of the boards of the bank's affiliates in Britain, France and Switzerland and was on his way to the U.S. to tender his resignation from the Bank Leumi companies in the U.S. and Canada, it was reported here.

Japhet was the most senior of the Israeli bank officials forced to resign earlier this year after a government - appointed judicial commission of inquiry found that their banks had manipulated the prices of bank shares on the Israel Stock Exchange. The inquiry arose from the 1983 collapse of bank shares.

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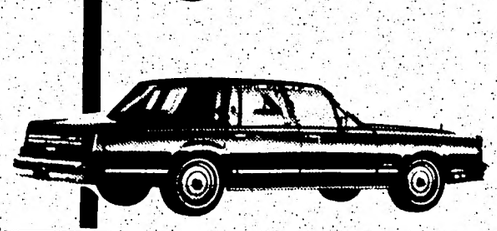
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To break down health barriers:

Ethnic participation is urged

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

In order to break down cultural barriers that exist in Ontario's health system, ethnic communities must become actively involved, says Health Minister Murray Elston.

"If we want to increase understanding between the health care system and our ethnic communities, there must be close cooperation and communication," Elston said at the opening session of the recent Multicultural Health Coalition symposium.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the MHC and the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto and included a number of workshops dealing with health care in a multicultural society. As well as hearing from Ontario's minister of health, participants were also addressed by Lily Munro, Ontario minister of citizenship and culture, and David Crombie, federal minister responsible for multiculturalism.

Murray Elston

Elston said that while the province's health care system is based on the principle that everyone should have equal access to service, cultural barriers often inhibit members of ethnic groups from seeking treatment or practicing preventive health measures.

"The challenge is to provide the appropriate care in a culturally acceptable manner," he said, pointing out that volunteers provide important links between health care organizations and their own ethnic communities.

Discussing ways in which the health care system is reaching out to ethnic communities, he said the provincial government is making its boards, agencies and commissions more representative of the communities they service and that his ministry is taking action on a number of fronts.

Elston also praised Doctors Hospital for chosing a "community health campus" model in designing a new facility. The expanded hospital will include an acute care wing, a chronic care unit, and a clinical services centre housing a variety of independent community and social services. This, he said, will give the hospital's multicultural clientele access to coordinated medical, dental, optical, pharmaceutical and social support services under one roof.

Munro told symposium participants following a banquet that while Ontario has "one of the best health care systems in the world," it is still not meeting the demands of many cultural groups.

"We shouldn't try so much to make the patients fit the system, but rather mold the system to make it more suitable for *all* patients," Munro said.

She said a lot has already been accomplished in terms of translating health information into many languages, but more has to be done, such as providing interpreters to bridge cultural barriers. Munro also called for an increase in multilingual health care workers and intercultural training for "front line" workers, such as doctors, nurses and hospital receptionists.

Lily Munro

"It is my opinion that institutions should consider this type of training a must for their staff," she said.

Munro said her ministry is currently working on a cross-cultural health care manual which will assist health care professionals in dealing with intercultural issues. It is expected to be available by next spring.

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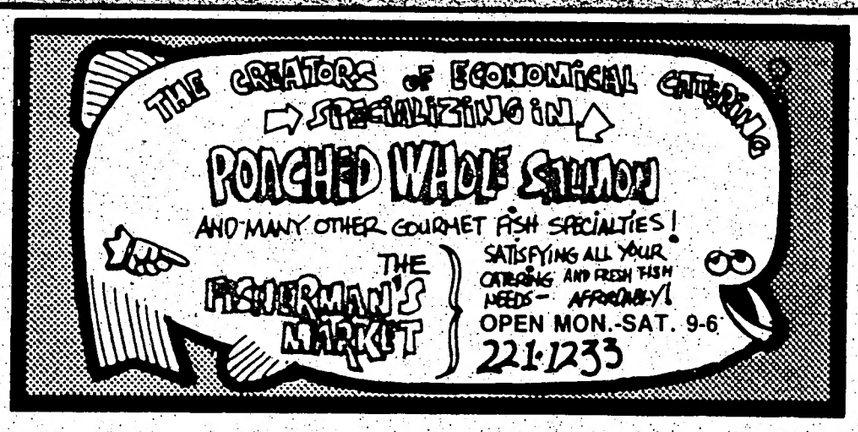
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A Symposium

Introduction by Rabbi Meyer Krentzman

BEFORE the establishment of the State of Israel, it was clear that the aim of the Zionist Movement was to lead the Jewish People to statehood. Now in the era of statehood, the Zionist Movement has been transformed from the Jewish People's Movement of National Liberation to a Movement concerned with the continued existence of the Jewish People. Zionism affirms the inherent right of every Jew to settle in the historic Homeland, Eretz Yisrael, and expresses itself to-day in the cultivation of the relationship and responsibility of the Jewish State to the Jewish People, the ingathering of Jews from all parts of the world and in making Israel the centre which serves to strengthen Jewish life everywhere.

The World Zionist Organization sees as its basic responsibilities and tasks organizing the Jewish People in support of the State of Israel, encouraging Aliyah, promoting Jewish education, spreading the knowledge of Hebrew language and culture, disseminating the values of Judaism and Zionism among Jews in the Diaspora and assisting and encouraging Jewish youth organizations in the Diaspora.

Record of the WZO

During the past thirty years, the WZO has played a pivotal role in the integration of some 1.8 million *olim* (immigrants to Israel) from over 100 countries. It has trained 10,000 teachers and youth leaders from the Diaspora; it has sent more than 4,000 Israeli educators to teach in Jewish schools in 24 countries. It has provided books, educational aids and teaching guides for the education of more than 350,000 pupils in Jewish schools in the Diaspora. It has fostered the Jewish education of more than half a million young people affiliated with Zionist youth and student organizations. It has organized educational courses in Israel for 120,000 young people, teachers from the Diaspora and has arranged seminars and study missions in Israel for more than 40,000 Jewish leaders, communications/media people, academics and Christian clergy.

At this very moment, there are over 750 men and women serving Jewish communities throughout the world as teachers, community workers, aliyah emissaries, youth and student advisors and resource people for Zionist Federations and organizations.

With an overall membership of more than 1.4 million affiliated through Zionist Federations in 34 countries, the World Zionist Organization stands as the largest Jewish organization in the world.

The 1987 Zionist Congress in Jerusalem

Towards the end of the calendar year 1987, more than 600 delegates from Zionist Federations from all over the world will attend the 31st Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. The Zionist Congress is the supreme body and legislative arm of the World Zionist Organization. It determines the policy of the WZO, designates a course of action, elects its institutions and officers and is responsible for their direct supervision.

38% from the total number are accorded to Israel. United States receives 29% and other countries of the Diaspora 33%. Delegates to the Zionist Congress are elected by members of the Zionist Federations 18 years of age and over who have expressed their identification with the Zionist Program and its objectives. Everyone who has the right to take part in elections

also has the right to be elected as a delegate to the Congress. A person becomes a member of the World Zionist Movement as a result of becoming a member of his or her local Zionist Federation.

In Canada, this is done either by joining a Zionist Organization which is a constituent body of the Canadian Zionist Federation or by affiliating with the Zionist Federation directly.

While the general principles of modern Zionism are indeed very broad, their acceptance is extremely important to us as Canadian Jews. Through membership, we declare our support for the State of Israel and our belief in its importance to Jews everywhere.

There are many approaches to a more focused definition of what Zionism means in today's reality. Perhaps this accounts for the many political parties which exist in the State of Israel itself and the various parties and movements and organizations that play a prominent role in our country.

The Canadian Zionist Federation

The Canadian Zionist Federation is indebted to VIEWPOINTS for its agreement to publish six articles which deal with the particular ideologies and modern definitions of Zionism, as expressed by the major ideological Movements represented in Canada. It is hoped that through this vehicle, Canadian Jewry will become better informed and be able to make their choices of affiliation based on the particular movements with whose aims and objective they can identify. Nevertheless, there remains the option to affiliate with any constituent body of the Zionist Movement whose program is appealing to the individual. For those who do not wish to affiliate with any specific movement or organization, direct membership in the Canadian Zionist Federation remains a viable option. Regardless of one's choice, we encourage all Jews to identify with the objective of the Zionist Movement in solidarity with the State of Israel.

The Zionist Organization's Membership Campaign continues until February 27, 1987. Through the Campaign it is hoped that our people will become better educated and informed about the history and importance of the State of Israel. As we proceed this spring to elect delegates to the World Zionist Congress each member will be able to participate in the determination of the manner in which the State of Israel acts in partnership with the Jews of the Diaspora so as to assure the continuity of the Jewish People.

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Editor's Notebook

The forthcoming Plenary Session of the World Zionist Organization in November 1987 shows signs of developing into one of the most interesting and significant events on the world Jewish scene. For the first time in twelve years, proper election procedures are promised for the selection of delegates from Canada. Also, for the first time, the Conservative Movement is campaigning actively for members in its newly formed Mercaz, which is the Conservative Zionist party in the American Zionist Federation, and Mercaz: Canada, its counterpart in Canada. The Reform Movement established its party, called Kadima in Canada and Arza in the USA four years ago, and is also campaigning for more members. These two new Zionist groups hold promise of a massive infusion of new members for the Zionist Movement and also presage a possible new alignment in delegates to the WZO Plenary next year.

In view of the importance of these developments, we are presenting a two-part symposium on "Perspectives on Zionism." Each of the major parties has been asked to submit an article giving its official program and objectives, and more particularly, the ideological basis for its stance regarding Zionism and its views on the kind of society it hopes will develop in Israel.

The three major religious Zionist blocs: Orthodox (Mizrachi), Conservative (Mercaz: Canada) and Reform (Kadima) are the participants in this issue. Labor Zionism, Herut, and ZOC will appear in our next issue.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Honorary Co-Chairman of Viewpoints, has sent us a "Declaration of Progressive Judaism on its Relationship to Other Religious Movements in World Jewry." In view of the growing polarization between our different denominations, which has alarmed all religious leaders in our community, we think that the declaration should be of interest to all Jews, and we are happy to publish it. The one area of agreement in this most troubling development, is the necessity for open and frank discussion of the issue, preferably on a face-to-face basis, in order to seek a resolution. We invite reactions from our readers.

"The Black Valises," a sensitive and beautifully crafted short story by Roma Gelblum-Bross, rounds out our issue.

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Fiction

The Black Valises

by Roma Gelblum-Bross

I FIRST noticed Robert Engel on the platform of the old Kiev Station. Mother, Father and I were waiting for a train to take us into Russia and away from the German front. What caught my attention were his valises.

The station was densely crowded with refugees, who carried their belongings in knapsacks, bundles and old valises bursting open at the seams. Only Robert Engel had large new valises. They were black and shiny, had gold coloured locks and were braced with wide bands of metal. Robert Engel himself looked small and insignificant next to his valises; he was very skinny, had red, thinning hair and a thin, pale nose that supported a pair of gold-rimmed glasses.

He was standing not far from us on the platform. When the train finally rolled into the station and people crowded the entrance pushing and screaming, Father helped Engel up the steep metal steps.

But after we had boarded the train we lost sight of him. He was pushed to the left of the long dim carriage. We were pushed to the right. We settled quickly on one of the still-vacant benches. Even before Father had taken off his coat I fell asleep on his shoulder.

When I woke up early in the morning the train was moving slowly and heavily. It was emitting gasping, forced sounds which were interrupted from time to time by the long wailing cry of the whistle. The bolts underneath the carriage squeaked shrilly with every turn and the wagon shook and rattled. Chilly misty air shrouded the windows. Shadows of telegraph poles were moving hastily on the panes, and frost clung in uneven patches to the greenish-gray metal of the window frame. The leg of someone seated on the roof of the wagon dangled in front of our window.

When my eyes got used to the semi-darkness I saw human shapes that crouched, sat or lay on benches, on the floor, and on the luggage racks. They all looked as if they had just given up a night-long struggle with sleeplessness and had frozen into twisted positions, their hands clutching their belongings. Children were crying in their sleep. Enameled nightpots attached to the bundles gave off a smell of urine that mingled with the smoke of handmade cigarettes, the sweat of dozens of unwashed bodies and the odour of rotting food. My parents' heads were moving silently back and forth, like the heads of marionettes forgotten by their puppeteer. It was stuffy, cold and deadly quiet.

The silence was interrupted by the metallic squeak of an opening door. When the door closed again I saw a man in a khaki uniform with Russian emblems, standing in the entrance. He squinted, then looked around in astonishment. With the tip of his boot he nudged one of the bodies blocking the passage.

"Move a little, batyushka, allow a fellow to perform his duty, ah?" he said loudly. He spoke Russian and the tone of his voice was deep, warm and melodious. Eyes opened and some faces lit up with smiles.

"Some aromatic stuff in this wagon, comrades," he went on. How about opening a window or two. Mother Russia has plenty of fresh air, if nothing else. So go ahead and enjoy it."

He stretched a leg over a body that was curled up between two crowded seats and pushed one of the windows outward. Fresh cold air burst into the wagon, bringing with it minute particles of ice that melted on faces and beards. People shrank back, pulled on the edges of shawls and coats. Mother woke up with a shiver and wrapped me in her blanket. The official reached the middle of the carriage and planted his legs firmly on the two sides of the aisle.

"Mother Russia welcomes you with frosty breath, comrades. Enjoy it. It is better, I assure you, than the warm breath of the German dogs on your backs, ah?" He was smiling a wide smile under a thick, Stalin-style moustache. His eyes were dark and slightly slanted at the corners. His face, wrinkled and weather-beaten, was dark too, and robustly handsome. He nodded at the tired and dirty faces around him.

"Some trip for you, poor Jewish devils. And you have not seen the end of it yet. Wait till you get to Siberia... Nobody's told you yet how lucky you are. Nobody's told you, so I will. And what I have to tell you is that you are coming to a land of happiness."

He looked around to examine the impression his words were making. But some people did not understand Russian, and some were too tired to pay attention. Nevertheless he went on, unmindful.

"Yes, comrades, you may not believe it, but we are happy here. This is because our needs are small, unlike you capitalists. We are happy when we have a piece of bread to eat, when we have a roof above our heads and particularly when there is a tiny bit of vodka to cheer us up. And you are going to be happy with us!"

An old man who was sitting on the bench behind ours, his face swathed in bandages, murmured, "Let the devil take their happiness. Couldn't he wait with his propaganda till after breakfast? It's hard to take on an empty stomach."

A voice from the rack shushed him and a man on our left said to him in Polish, "Be quiet, old fool! The commandant is offering you happiness and you complain. It's better to be named a 'comrade' than a 'corpse,' so smile nicely at the commandant and keep your bandaged mouth shut."

The official stood there for a while, nodding his head, then he turned and proceeded towards the other end of the carriage. I followed him with my eyes and I saw him proceeding slowly, then stopping at the end of the carriage and eyeing something intently. I climbed up on the bench to see what it was he was staring at and saw that it was Robert Engel. He was squeezed into the back corner of the carriage sitting on top of his valises. The valises took the place of two people and their gleaming surfaces contrasted with the shabby surroundings and with Engel's stained jacket.

The official placed himself solidly in front of Engel. Engel did not move. He was totally absorbed in a small book he was holding to the dim light. His head was moving up and down rhythmically, as if he were trying to memorize the lines.

All the eyes turned, curious, towards them. Engel went on reading, oblivious to all, and the official just stood there patiently, cocking his head once to the left, then to the right, as if he were looking at a strange bird that just perched on a branch of a tree. His patience ended after a while, for he cried loudly, "Wake up, comrade, wake up and talk to us!"

Engel lifted his head abruptly, like a man rudely awakened from a pleasant dream. His yellow eyes blinked behind the gold frames, then filled with fear.

"Yes, commandant, what is it you wish from me?"

Instead of an answer the official produced out of his breast-pocket a crumpled scrap of paper, a pouch of tobacco and a box of matches. He leaned against the frame of the door, rolled a cigarette, then lit a match by striking it against the sole of his boot. He then blew a cloud of smoke into Engel's face.

"Learned Comrade," he said mockingly. "A fine place comrade found for his studies. I modestly presume the best in the country. I am sorry the light we provide here is inadequate, the heat insufficient and the stench just a tiny bit overpowering."

Engel opened his eyes wide, uncomprehending. He did not answer, only squinted and cupped his ear. The official drew near him and looked at him fiercely.

"I see the learned comrade is carrying his burial caskets with him, ah?" He examined the shining locks on the valises, then pulled on the metal band. "How long have you been dragging those with you

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"STILL LIFE"-BY HERMAN HEIMLICH-GALERIE ARRT, MTL

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Mizrachi

by Kurt Rothschild

IN 1902, Ahad Ha'am, the man responsible for some of the most critical and insightful writing among early Zionist thinkers, was invited to speak at a conference of Russian Zionists in Minsk. He took as his theme the spiritual revival of the Jewish people, and in his address, subsequently published under the title of "Zionism and Jewish Culture," Ahad Ha'am argues that the problem of the Jewish spirit and Jewish culture is as important to the future well-being of the Jewish people as is the alleviation of physical suffering visited upon the Jewish people. ". . . A refuge for the Jewish soul is no less imperatively needed than a refuge for the homeless masses of Jews," declared Ahad Ha'am, who was not a religious man. "Zionism cannot confine itself to the material work of rebuilding Palestine. While making every effort to create a large Jewish settlement on sound lines, we dare not neglect to do what is necessary to make Palestine a permanent and freely developing centre of our national (heritage)."

Although these words were recorded at the beginning of the present century, they continue to reverberate through the decades that have passed since then. They served then to pose the question that continues to agitate Jews to this day about the nature of a sovereign State of Israel, namely: Is it to be solely a state for and of Jews, or is it to serve simultaneously as a *Jewish* State? Is Israel to be a country remarkable only for the concentration of Jews within its borders, living there a life undistinguished from that which they would have in any other democracy, or is it to be unique in its spiritual and religious values and atmosphere? That Israel has proven to be a state for Jews since its inception is clear. The successive waves of Jews from Arab countries, North Africa, Eastern Europe, Ethiopia and elsewhere who have settled in the Jewish homeland bear witness to the fact that Israel has become a haven for the oppressed of our people and a magnet for multitudes who have been drawn to the freedom and opportunity which it offers.

It is to a more limited degree, however, that Israel has succeeded in becoming a *Jewish* State, one guided fully by the teachings of our faith and our traditions, one in which one senses the growth and development of a unique pattern of Jewish identity based upon Jewish values and rooted in Torah. To be sure, Hebrew has been adopted as the national tongue; the Bible, or portions of it, is taught in all schools; Jewish history is studied. But these have not resulted thus far in making of Israel a *Jewish* State, a home for Torah, the Jewish spirit, and Jewish tradition.

To those who are concerned with the Jewishness of the Jewish State, it is difficult to imagine a disregard of Halacha as a guiding principle in its operations. It is troubling that there is inadequate recognition being given to the precepts fo our faith — a faith which sustained Jews through thousands of years of dispersion and destruction, and enabled them to preserve their "unique otherness" as a people and a nation — as vital elements which should be included in the day-to-day operations of the Jewish homeland.

Israel Not Just Another Secular State

To build an Israel which is an imitation of any one of countless secular states is a betrayal of the sacred trust which has been bequeathed to us by generations of Jewish leaders, scholars and martyrs. To view the State of Israel as a creation of a political process and the outgrowth of nationalist aspirations only, without recognizing that it is a creation of the Almighty as an instrument for the preservation of the Jewish people, is to ignore the redemptive dimension of the reestablished Jewish sovereignty to which we have been witness.

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Mercaz: A New Zionist Dream

by William Abrams

THE establishment of the State of Israel has brought in its wake a number of developments that have impinged on the theology and ideology of Conservative Judaism, and to which appropriate responses have had to be developed. The theological vision of Halakhic Judaism — of which we Conservative Jews deem ourselves to be the modern heirs — envisaged the re-emergence of a Jewish State that would be 'a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' The first task, therefore, was to accomodate this vision to the reality of Israel as a secular socialist state, established and led by Jews who were nationalist in their orientation, and who sought normalization, and not sanctification, for their citizens.

The second task was to adjust the wholehearted adherence of Conservative Judaism to Zionism — the only religious denomination undivided in such adherence — to the reality of the rapid decline in prestige and numbers of the Zionist Movement that began soon after the State was established and has continued unabated thereafter.

Finally, a response was required to the unforeseen — and unforeseeable — reality of the advantage taken by fundamentalist Orthodox leaders of a political opportunity which arose from the introduction of proportional representation in Israel, and resulted in their obtaining a monopoly on organized religious life in Israel. Consequently Conservative Judaism, the majority denomination in North American Jewish life, has in Israel no status or recognition whatsoever.

After careful deliberation and lively debate, Conservative Judaism has evolved its response to all these developments. It is the creation of Mercaz, the Conservative Jewish party (or bloc) within the World Zionist Organization. This step marks a major watershed in the history of the Conservative Movement as a whole, and in particular of the lay arm of the Movement, the United Synagogue of America, which created Mercaz.

A glance at the objectives of the United Synagogue as set forth in their charter makes this point clear. Among these objectives are the following:

> "to assert and establish loyalty to the Torah and its historical expositions; to preserve in the Service the reference to Israel's past and the hopes of Israel's restoration."

These two objectives encapsulate the major theological principles of Conservative Judaism. First, they reaffirm the uniqueness of Judaism in embracing the concepts of both religion and peoplehood. This distinguishes us from the Reform Movement, which — at least up to 1948 — rejected the concept of Jewish peoplehood, and for that reason opposed Zionism.

Secondly, Conservative Judaism affirmed its loyalty to the Torah and its 'historical expositions.' These two words had enormous significance and served to distinguish us from fundamentalist Orthodoxy. Their approach to the Torah is 'ahistorical;' that is to say, they maintain that God's word, given to Moses on Mount Sinai, is outside of history, fixed and eternal, and historical events cannot and should not require re-interpretation of Halakha. Conservative Judaism takes the opposite stance: that history does impinge on Halakha, that the Bible itself is sacred history, which records God's frequent intervention in response to historical events that befell the Jews, and that the Talmud and other post-biblical writings, which we now call Rabbinic Judaism, record the many re-interpretations — or expositions — that history necessitated, and which were essential if the Torah were to remain a viable tradition by which Jews throughout the centuries could continue to live. Our approach is popularly summarized by the formula: "openness to change within the context of loyality to tradition."

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Kadima: Canadian Council of Reform Zionists

by Rabbi Michael Stroh

KADIMA is a liberal religious Zionist organization. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) and Arzenu, the World Union of Progressive Jewish Zionists. This means that:

1. We are a Zionist organization. Israel is not just another Levantine State and it is not just an Israeli State. Israel is a Jewish State and Zionism is the guardian of the Jewishness of Israel. Israel is an expression of the Jewishness of the whole Jewish People and Zionism is the relation between the Jews of the Diaspora and the Jewish quality of Israel.
2. We are a religious Zionist Organization. We understand the establishment of a modern Jewish State to be a fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham; the return of the Jewish people to its ancient homeland makes us witnesses to God's action in history.
3. We are a liberal religious Zionist organization. We are committed to modern democracy and to religious and political pluralism. Our commitment to Judaism does not mean that we want to establish a medieval theocracy. In the modern world religion must be a matter of personal conviction.

Pluralism Is Primary

The issue of pluralism is of primary importance to Kadima. If any change were made to the present law under which converts of Reform and Conservative rabbis are accepted by the State as Jews this would mean that the State of Israel has branded as illegitimate the religious convictions of two-thirds of the Jewish world. For the Knesset which includes non-religious as well as religious Jews and also non-Jews to decide which branches of Judaism are legitimate and which illegitimate would cause a terrible rupture to the unity of the Jewish people. It would say, that not only are Reform and Conservative Judaism illegitimate in Israel where they are not currently recognized but that they are also illegitimate in Canada. In Israel Reform and Conservative rabbis are not recognized as rabbis nor does Reform or Conservative education receive government support as does Orthodox education. Reform and Conservative rabbis may not officiate at the marriages of their own congregants, nor may they serve their own people in the army as chaplains. This situation which should be unthinkable in a modern country and unimaginable to Jews who have suffered so much religious persecution is something that we are working to correct. For those of us who believe that *K'lal Yisrael* (the unity of the Jewish people) and *Ahavat Yisrael* (love for the Jewish people) are principles of primary importance, this potential split in the Jewish people is of utmost concern.

We have no struggle with Orthodox Jewish religion. While we disagree with Orthodoxy in many ways we recognize that they are a vital and committed part of Jewish life and that they contribute to the survival of Judaism and the Jewish people. We do, however, have an argument with political Orthodoxy and its behaviour on the Israeli scene. We respect religious piety, but if political Orthodoxy chooses to take religious issues and make political footballs out of them it is conceivable that people will get upset. The Jewish world is now filled with people who, according to some in Orthodoxy, have not received a proper Jewish divorce. Their second marriage has produced *mamzerim* (illegitimate children) who cannot marry ordinary Jews. The Jewish world is now filled with people who, according to some in Orthodoxy, have not been properly converted to Judaism. There are, therefore, many Jews who are regarded as Jewish by the Reform and Conservative Movements, but not by Orthodoxy. How close is the day when one

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In truth, there are positive forces in Israel which have enabled it to move, with the help of G-d, toward becoming increasingly the model of a spiritual centre, and Jewish religious life which we had always hoped it would become. And the movement which has made such an achievement possible more than any other is Mizrachi. From the early days of the Zionist movement, it was Mizrachi which rejected the prophecies of gloom which contended, on the one hand, that there is no prospect of ever establishing Torah in a pre-messianic Israel, and refused to an equal degree to accept the view that the establishment of a Torah society was inimical to the building of a socialist society, one which would strive to reflect solely human rights and equality.

Achievements of Mizrachi

Mizrachi set about building an array of yeshivot across the length and breadth of the country, and was responsible in time for stimulating the establishment of major Torah study programs for those who sought to devote themselves to Torah study on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

From the religious-nationalist institutions of Mizrachi there was launched the "revolution of the *kipa s'ruga*" (the knitted skullcap, and "upheaval" which demonstrated that one can be an observant Jew, fully commited to the Zionist ideal and to Israel, and capable of integrating Western culture into one's world view. The Mizrachi youth movement, B'nei Akiva (founded in 1934), imbued with these ideals has served as an instrument for the transmission of Torah and Zionist values to thousands of Jewish youngsters in Israel and in diaspora communities.

There have been other ways in which the Mizrachi movement established the legitimacy of the claim that Israel is indeed a *Jewish* state, founded upon the principles of Torah and Jewish tradition. It was leadership of the movement that helped institute, and continues to support, the institution of the chief rabbinate, inaugurated in 1921. The movement was responsible, as well, for stimulating the establishment of local religious councils, and the creation, even before the advent of the State, of a national traditional Jewish school system as an educational arm of the Zionist movement. The latter evolved into a religious-nationalist stream which is an integral part of Israel's public education structure.

To further the Jewish uniqueness of the State, Mizrachi fought for the observance of the Shabbat in Israel, and for the preservation of the character of Shabbat and Jewish holidays in the public life of the Jewish community generally. Aside from the contribution made by Mizrachi in this regard to the spiritual-cultural life of Israel, it contributed to Jewish self-respect by determining to mark a universal day of rest among Jews based upon the teachings of our heritage.

It was Mizrachi which was responsible as well for the establishment of the Ministry of Religions in the Government of Israel, and the covering of religious needs of the population from government funds. Its efforts led to the passing of laws calling for the observance of *Kashrut* and Shabbat in Israel's defense forces, thereby assuring that there would be unity in the ranks of Israel's troops and that the army entering battle under the banner of the state would be uniquely Jewish.

The establishment of rabbinic courts and assigning to them the registration of marriages, the granting of divorces, and jurisdiction of related domestic relations cases has served to guarantee that the personal status of all Jews will be established in accordance with the dictates of Jewish law, obviating thereby the possibility of undermining Jewish unity, and splintering the household of Israel. There are those who criticize some of the operations of these tribunals, and argue against them as reflecting an Orthodox point of view. While there may be shortcomings in the administration of the rabbinic courts, it must be acknowledged that they have provided stability and continuity in the application of Jewish family law. As anyone knowledgeable in Halacha who has watched some of the Israeli *batei din* in action can testify, there is a determined effort to rule with sensitivity and perception, without doing an injustice to the individual on the one hand, and the spirit of the law on the other.

Mizrachi Fosters Jewish Scholarship

Jews are justifiably proud of Israel's achievements in many academic and intellectual disciplines — medicine, physics, technology, agriculture, and others. What is less celebrated are the unusual attainments in the field of Jewish scholarship and research which have been recorded. Credit in this regard must be given to Israel's universities and specialized institutions of higher learning for the outstanding progress that has been made in researching Israel's literary and historical treasures, analyzing many of the complex dimensions of Jewish thought, understanding the development of the Hebrew language, and revealing to us many elements of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Regrettably, Torah study and research, and the explorations of our Biblical and Rabbinic heritage, to which impetus has been given by Mizrachi and its affiliates is often overlooked. Through its Torah Fund for Yeshivot in Israel (the Mifal ha-Torah Lema'an ha-Yeshivot be-Eretz Yisrael), it made possible the publication of a new edition of the Talmud and the preparation of the Encyclopedia Talmudica. Its Mosad ha-Rav Kook, established by the late Rabbi Yehuda Leib Maimon (Fishman), and constituting today the largest publishing house in the world for literature dealing with Torah themes and studies in Judaism, has enriched immeasurably the universe of Jewish learning.

Women's and youth organizations occupy an important part in the framework and activities of the world Mizrachi movement. These arms of the movement have provided concrete expression to the ideals to which Mizrachi is commited. Emunah women have built kindergartens and day nurseries, trade schools and vocational centers that dot the map of Israel. These are a major contribution to the absorption of new immigrants in Israel.

The B'nei Akiva youth movement has been responsible for attracting youngsters to the ideal of Torah Vaavodah — the settlement of the land of Israel and the espousal of Torah as a guiding principle in one's life. The Mishmeret Hatz'irah (Young Guard) of Mizrachi encompasses thousands of university age students and army veterans in Israel, as well as young singles and newly marrieds in various Golah communities.

The Kibbutz Hadati, the federation of religious Kibbutzim in Israel has been in the vanguard of settling the land, and together with the religious moshavim which are part of the Mizrachi network give ample evidence that one can live a life dedicated to pioneering Zionism and Torah Judaism.

Although there are many groups who view their contribution to the security of Israel as emanating from the study of Torah, which assures our people of a "spiritual shield," and do not serve in the IDF, the young men and women raised with the philosophy of and in the educational institutions espousing, the Mizrachi ideology have undertaken another approach. They have brought honour to Israel and to themselves by their commitment to Israel's defense as a part of its armed forces, service which they have coupled with their ongoing study of Torah at the Yeshivot *Hesder*.

Forthcoming Zionist Congress

In the spring of next year, elections will be held again to the World Zionist Congress. Canadian Jews, along with Jews in other communities around the world, will be asked to vote for delegates who will deal with an agenda of major issues which confront Israel and our people. There will be those who will indict Mizrachi as a party which rejects the separation of church and state, and will refuse to provide it with the mandate it seeks to confirm, one which calls for a "land of Israel for the people of Israel in accordance with the Torah of Israel."

What proponents of such a wall between "church" and "state" fail to appreciate is the uniqueness of our people and our faith. To Jews, there can be no bifurcation of the two. Not only is Judaism not a "church" in the sense in which that term is used generally, but the Torah and Jewish tradition deal with every aspect of life, and do not restrict themselves to matters of ritual, synagogue practices, and holiday observance. Jewish law covers the gamut of every relationship imaginable, and every aspect of life. Those who rejoice, as we all do, in our return to independence as a people, and wish to see Israel draw sustenance from the spiritual wellsprings of Judaism, will appreciate surely that one ought not separate between Torah and Medinah.

It is to the continued goal of making Israel a home for Torah ideals and Torah living that Mizrachi is dedicated.■

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Zionism Consistently Supported

But, not only was Orthodoxy's approach one of rigidity, it was also one of passivity. Through centuries of helplessness in the face of persecution, the Orthodox response was to pray, to study and to wait for the coming of the Messiah to redeem us from exile and lead us back to Israel. So ingrained did this posture become that when the opportunity arose, provided by changing historical circumstances, to establish a homeland in Israel *before* the coming of the Messiah, most Orthodox Jews rejected it as sacrilegious and heretical. The only exception was Mizrachi, who decided that Zionism, in attempting to restore the homeland was, in fact, doing God's work and joined the WZO. Other groups within orthodoxy, such as the Satmar Hassidism and others retain their violent opposition to Zionism to this day. Conservative Judaism, alone among modern Jewish denominations, has since its inception remained consistently and wholeheartedly supportive of Zionism. Because of the 'historical' approach to tradition, the United Synagogue had no difficulty in retaining in its religious service both the reference to Israel's past and the hopes of Israel's restauration. This stance (plus financial support) was all that was really expected of its members until the establishment of the State in 1948.

Then came the new developments to which I have referred. The rapid decline in prestige and membership in the World Zionist Organization, was due to a sharp reduction in the scope of WZO activities. Before 1948, the WZO had three functions: political activity to muster support for a Jewish State, fund-raising to support these activities, and promotion of Aliyah. With the establishment of the State these three functions shrank to only one. Political activity was taken over by the State and fund-raising by general organizations, leaving only one visible purpose for the continued Zionist activity: the promotion of Aliyah from Jewish communities in the West. (I except the emigration from Europe and Arab lands which was powered by considerations of personal safety, not by Zionist convictions.) And the efforts of the WZO to promote Aliyah have proven a dismal failure.

An analysis of the reasons for this failure are relevant, for they too played a major role in the decision to establish Mercaz. Aliyah has been continuously promoted by the Zionists since the establishment of the State, on the basis of the same two ideological factors which let them to embrace Zionism themselves early in this century: secular nationalism, and escape from anti-semitism. In fact it might be said that Zionism developed its own 'ahistorical' approach to the problem of Aliyah by remaining frozen in its perception of the Galut they knew in Eastern Europe at the turn of the century, and refusing to recognize the vast historical changes that have occured in

Diaspora Jewry, particularly in North America in the last eighty years.

Zionist leaders have been unable to accept the fact that the poor, downtrodden, secularly uneducated, Orthodox Jew of Eastern Europe has become the affluent, proud, well-educated, mainly non-orthodox, sophisticated Jew of North America, and to adjust their ongoing campaign for Aliyah to accomodate this reality.

For the North American Jew, the old themes of Zionism: nationalism, socialism, escape from anti-semitism and even secularism no longer resonate. They have witnessed the mischief wrought in the United Nations by unbridled nationalism; they have seen the bitter fruits of the socialist dictatorship in Soviet Russia; anti-semitism has largely lost its power to frighten, for North Americans simply do not believe that 'it can happen here;' and even Jewish secularism, which burgeoned so mightily in the first half of this century, is now a fading force. To quote just one statement among many that could be adduced, Irving Howe, probably the leading ideologist of Jewish secularism in America, writes in his recent autobiography, 'A Margin of Hope' that after losing his early socialist faith: "What I was left with, as a 'partial Jew,' was the tradition of secular Jewishness, which, as I turn back to it *was now clearly reaching a point of historical finish*" (emphasis added).

New Theme Needed To Motivate Aliyah

Throughout history, what has motivated large-scale emigration from one area to another has been either the hope of economic advancement, or the desire to escape from oppression — usually a combination of the two. Both these factors are now absent in the case of North American Jewry. The sophisticated North American Jew will not exchange his comfortable and even affluent life for an economically difficult and perhaps physically dangerous life in Israel, simply on the promise held out in the words of Hatikvah; that he will be part of a 'free people in our own land.' The fact is that he feels perfectly free where he is, and no amount of so-called 'Zionist' education will alter that fact. Therefore if Zionism is to halt its slide into irrelevance in Jewish life, it must develop a new approach to Aliyah, and even more importantly it must develop new objectives for Zionism, in addition to Aliyah.

Any attempt to devise a newer and more realistic basis for Aliyah must begin with a clear-eyed assessment of both North American and Israeli society. What we find in North America is the following picture: 50% of Jews belong to a synagogue, 50% do not. Of the synagogue affiliated Jews, less than 15% are Orthodox, 35% (or so) are Reform and 50% are Conservative. Of the secular or non-affiliated Jews very few are prospects for Aliyah, for reasons outlined above. That leaves only the religious Jews who might be persuaded to emigrate, and for only one reason: the desire to lead a more intensive Jewish life, *according to their particular religious orientation*, even if it means a sacrifice of economic status. This obviously is a religious motivation.

But when religiously motivated non-Orthodox Jews look at Israeli society, what do they find? A minority of about 11% of the population who are Orthodox hold the balance of political power, and have succeeded in imposing on the hostile majority of secular nationalist Jews a public religious life according to strict Orthodox tenets. Conservative or Reform rabbis can perform no rabbinical functions whatsoever except to preach to the congregations that their adherents have managed, despite fierce Orthodox opposition, to establish.

Furthermore, because of the insistence of the Orthodox groups in Israel on forcing the hostile majority of secular Israelis to follow, at least publicly, their own ritual practices, and because, due to their ability to obtain Government funds to finance their own schools so that their intransigeant attitudes can be transmitted to their own children and to Orthodox Jews from Arab lands who came to Israel in such large numbers, the sociological tensions in Israel have increased alarmingly.

Given these conditions, it is obvious that the only American Jews who may be attracted to this kind of society must come from the small pool of young fundamentalist Orthodox Jews. Conservative, Reform and secular Jews will not subject themselves to the traumatic dislocations involved in Aliyah, unless a radical new theme can be found. In the establishment of Mercaz, we have found this new theme.

By its decision not to abandon the WZO, the Conservative Movement reaffirms its dedication to Zionism and promises a potential infusion into Zionist ranks of over half a million new members. It also provides an answer to the perennial question: Why do we need to join the Zionist Movement? For the declared purpose of Mercaz is to move the WZO away from the outmoded political alignments which characterize its present structure, and towards the religious alignments to which Conservative Judaism is dedicated and which it believes will prove to be the answer to the present deep and widening division within Israeli society. The main purpose of both Mercaz and Kadima (the Canadian Reform Zionist Party) is therefore the disestablishment of fundamentalist Orthodoxy and the institution of a free and open competition between the various religious denominations that obtains in North America to-day.

This new initiative if successful must have a positive effect on Aliyah, for the dedicated members of the Conservative Movement would, for the first time, envision the possibility of leading in Israel the kind of religious life that might motivate them to undertake Aliyah. They would see the possibility of living a more intensive Jewish life in an environment that eliminates all the practical difficulties they now encounter in Sabbath observance, synagogue attendance and the performance of 'mitzvot.' They would see in Israel an opportunity to live a fully integrated Jewish life that is both authentic and viable in to-day's society, and does not require a return to a self-imposed ghetto. All these possibilities could well engender an increase in Aliyah from the non-Orthodox Jews who form the overwhelming majority in North America.

Israel's Historic Mission Must Be Restored

But Mercaz presents an even more exciting and challenging opportunity to our Movement. We must update the objectives of the United Synagogue charter; we must not only repeat in our services "our reference to Israel's past and our hopes for Israel's restoration;" we must work within Israel to restore its loyalty to Israel's historic mission: to become, in modern terms, "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation," that rejects both intransigeant Orthodox militancy and solipsistic hedonistic secularism. The rapid growth of the Conservative Movement, particularly since the second World War, to its present position as the largest Jewish denomination in North America (and thus the largest Jewish organization in the world) has demonstrated that our balanced theological stance — in which theology continually confronts reality and adjusts to maintain the viability as well as authenticity of our Movement — is the best hope of preserving Judaism in America. It must now do the same in Israel.

Thus boldly stated, this objective may seem wildly unrealistic. Granted, the disestablishment of Orthodoxy in Israel is a function of the political situation, and the ascendancy of Mercaz and Arza (Kadimah in Canada) to a leading role within the WZO may have only an indirect effect on this problem; but although limited, our representation through WZO or the Jewish Agency will certainly help publicize the fact that a third alternative does exist for Israelis, aside from secularism or Orthodoxy. Granted, our present

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part of the Jewish people will not be able to marry another part of the Jewish people? What will happen if all of this remains as established law in the State of Israel? Will the forces of reactionary religious politics then have achieved what no one else in history has ever been able to achieve, the destruction of the Jewish people?

Israel Not Just Another Country

We who are committed to Judaism and a religious expression of Jewish life believe that Israel is not just another country and that our commitment to it is a religious conviction. The overwhelming majority of Israelis are not and will not be Orthodox. If Israel is to be a Jewish country in two generations and not a land of Hebrew speaking gentiles it is vital that there exist a legitimate expression of liberal religious Judaism in the Jewish State. It is vital that the liberal branches of Judaism receive equal legal recognition, equal respect and equal funding by the government.

The question we must ask ourselves is: What kind of Israel will our grandchildren relate to? Kadima has a vision of Israel drawn form our Jewish heritage and our prophetic tradition. We envision one Jewish people, Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Ethiopian — all Jews, from whatever background, making up a unified People of Israel. If the State of Israel is to be the kind of country we want to see, we must address moral questions, such as peace and war, the occupation of the West Bank and personal moral issues from autopsy and abortion to the role of women. What should be the place of non-Jews, and Arabs in particular, in a Jewish State? What is to be the future of the West Bank? Annexation would result in a potential Arab majority, or a substantial minority. Jews ruling over a non-Jewish sub-class without rights is unthinkable. What may a state do in war, and what is morally unacceptable? What is a Jewish State: a state living under Halacha (Jewish Law), a state that speaks Hebrew, a state that lives by the teachings of the Prophets of Israel, a State imbued with Jewish culture (Ashkenazic, Sephardic, Ethiopian)? These issues must be addressed from the vantage point of Judaism as a progressively developing religious faith.

Certainly the survival of Israel is of primary importance to us. As Jews, however, survival is not enough, just as it has never been enough for the Jewish People itself to survive without a commitment to its historic mission. The Jewish Tradition tells us that we are only a people by virtue of the Torah, and so a Jewish State is only a *Jewish* State by virtue of the Torah, the Torah understood as an expanding and developing knowledge of God. What kind of Israel will our grandchildren relate to? This is a question for Israelis and for Jews everywhere. Kadima believes that it is essential that Liberal religious Jews participate in answering this question.■

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A Declaration of Progressive Judaism on its Relationship to Other Religious Movements in World Jewry

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Assembled in Toronto, Canada, on the first day of the week, on the fourth day of Nissan 5746 (April 13, 1986), the 23rd international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, representing Reform, Liberal and Progressive Jewish communities in over twenty nations, issues this Declaration. While it is addressed first and foremost to our own constituencies it would speak to all who will hear its message.

I THE PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

1. As Jews, children of the Covenant, we are tied to all our people by our sacred heritage and by indissoluble bonds of *ahavat yisrael* (the love of the people Israel). We share with them our devotion to God, our sense of duty toward each other and our task to work for *tikun olam*, the repair and perfection of the world.

2. We, like all committed Jews, are responsible for the spiritual and physical well being of our people. We are therefore deeply distressed that nearly everywhere in the world a growing and dangerous polarization is taking place in Jewish life. Communities have lost their sense of common purpose and are splitting into different camps. Often there is no discourse between the various groups, and a sense for the needs of *klal yisrael* (the totality of our people) is sadly lacking.

3. Jews are not a monolithic people with one point of view, one single structure of practice and belief. We are and have always been a people of various streams of thought and different reactions to the challenges facing us. Pluralism of belief and observance has been a constant feature of our existence from ancient times onward. It is the soil which has nurtured change and creativity, spiritual and social health. The pronouncement *eilu v'eilu divrei Elohim chayim* ("These differing points of view are expressions of the living God") bridged bitter disputes in ancient days. Its sentiment is needed today, for while not all differences can be reconciled they can be discussed in a climate of civility and with some degree of flexibility, without sacrificing thereby the integrity of those who speak to each other from different premises.

4. While Progressive Jews too represent a wide spectrum of belief and practice they are united in their belief that Judaism is an evolving religion which flourishes best in a climate of openness, cooperation and understanding.

5. We need to know the strengths of our own movement, its achievements and its potential. Progressive Judaism has saved uncounted numbers of Jews for the Jewish people and the Jewish religion and has prevented their assimilation and disappearance. We have fostered social thought and action, have accorded women their rightful equality in our councils and congregations, and have emphasized ethics, justice and peace as central demands of our faith. We have reached out to the indifferent, to the unaffiliated and to Gentile spouses in inter-faith marriages and their children. We readily welcome all those who choose to join us as partners in the Covenant.

6. Judaism thrives best in an atmosphere of personal freedom and communal consent rather than through the imposition of state authority. We believe that the power of the state should not be used to legislate on religious issues or to enforce and police religious observance.

7. We do not believe that any movement has a monopoly on battling the ravages of indifference, assimilation and ignorance. The conflicts within our communities can be resolved only in a spirit of moderation and modesty *on all sides* and with a willingness to listen to and understand one another.

Based on these principles we address ourselves, with a sense of kinship and respect, to the other religious groupings in Jewish life.

II THE ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

1. By its devotion to study and strict adherence to traditional patterns, the Orthodox community stresses continuity with the past — an important aspect of Jewish existence. Respect for Orthodox sensitivites and institutions must be a hallmark of Progressive policy. The foundation of Orthodox conviction is the commanding presence of the traditional Halakha as *the* way for the Jewish people and that it alone represents the authentic will of God.

2. We are aware that those who believe in the traditional halakhic system also believe that one must stand *within* that system to be acknowledged as authentic. Therefore, pluralism does not have the same connotation for the Orthodox community as it has for Progressive Jews.

3. However, not all Orthodox Jews draw from these convictions the same conclusion. The Orthodox community too is not a single, monolithic structure. It has its extreme as well as its moderate factions. Some reject us totally and will aim to exclude us from the community. But they do not represent the totality of Orthodox Jewry.

4. There are those Orthodox Jews who, knowing the deep convictions we hold, respect us and are willing to work with us and share our common concerns. In many communities they labor with us for the security and well-being of *Medinat Yisrael*, for the rescue of embattled Jews, and for strengthening the inner and outer ramparts of our Diaspora communities. We welcome this cooperation and hope that these members and leaders of the Orthodox community will not yield to the entreaties and pressures of those who take an extremist, rejectionist point of view, a view which in the long run may separate the very groups who affirm it from the mainstream of Jewish life, thereby weakening all of us.

III THE CONSERVATIVE AND RECONSTRUCTIONIST COMMUNITIES

1. Like Progressive Judaism, so do Conservatism and Reconstructionism contain within them different streams. While they, like us, mirror the diversity of Jewish life they share with us a vision of Judaism as an evolving faith. Their interpretation of the nature of Halakha will often resemble ours, as in their affirmation of the religious equality of women.

2. The welfare of *klal yisrael* is advanced when we seek closer ties with fellow Jews in the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements. Such cooperation will strengthen the total community. Where it is feasible joint action ought to be encouraged and long-range plans be drawn for the pursuit of common religious, social or political goals. It is our hope that some portion of the Orthodox community too might in time link hands with us.

Each regional and local Progressive community is urged to develop its own patterns of cooperation.

3. All non-Orthodox religious expressions suffer substantial discrimination wherever Orthodoxy has communal or state power. Therefore it is essential that all of us unite in common striving for equality and the achievement of an equitable Jewish society.

4. Joint efforts are especially urgent in Israel. We call on the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements to join with us in building a more equitable and tolerant society in Israel.

IV THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

Merely to sound a warning is not enough. We ourselves must be prepared to do what we can.

1. To this end we must look to our own spiritual resources, for our real strength comes from within. We cannot expect changes only in others. We too must be prepared to look critically at ourselves and ask what *we* can do to heal the growing rift in our communities.

2. All religious movements in Judaism have their own unique strengths. We need to learn about them, for if we are to engage in true dialogue a sense of understanding is demanded from all of us.

3. However, we have not adequately utilized our own human and material resources, and have not given our members a sense of world-wide kinship. The fact that we are bound together in a World Union provides many unexplored opportunities for inner and outer growth. We call on Progressive Jews everywhere to put the support of our movement, both nationally and internationally, high on their agenda.

4. It is essential that we ourselves achieve a unified front and strong Progressive movement and that we seek allies in the broad spectrum of Jewish life. Our struggle inside and outside Israel is being waged in order to advance and preserve the welfare of our Jewish communities, which cannot prosper in an atmosphere of intolerance and animosity. We call on our constituency to be vigorous in upholding the principle of equal rights for all streams of Jewish life, which we consider intrinsic to Jewish well-being.

5. While we acknowledge the measure of support which the government of Israel has given to our movement, and while we note a growing awareness (though not as yet full understanding) of Progressive Judaism among the so-called "secular" masses, we observe with dismay the expressions of intolerance and outright discrimination which non-Orthodox Jews have suffered at the hand of Orthodox authorities in the State of Israel. Their abuse of political power needs to be confronted and vigorously opposed. It has deprived others of equal access to communal support and non-Orthodox rabbis of their rightful recognition and the full exercise of their rabbinic functions. The equality which we demand for them is the foundation of a healthy community.

6. We are the only Jewish religious movement whose world headquarters are located in *Medinat Yisrael*. With the establishment of a Progressive centre in Jerusalem we will be in a unique position to give our movement the high visibility it needs. It is our hope that many Israelis who are searching for a meaningful expression of Judaism will discover our movement as a viable and desirable religious alternative.

7. Our strength in Israel cannot, however, come merely from visibility and the high purposes we enunciate. We need to make the opportunity of *aliyah* an important part of our advocacy. An ever growing Progressive presence in Israel will greatly advance the spread of our ideology and speed the day when our movement will be accorded its rightful place.

V CONCLUSION

This Declaration reflects the love which we, as Progressive Jews, have for all our people. It is born of our faith in the God of history and strengthened by a sense of common destiny. We seek the preservation of the Jewish spirit through a process of constant renewal — for our own sake as well as for the sake of the total community. The worship of God, the study of Torah, the pursuit of *tikun olam* and the creation of a just society wherever Jews live, remain primary goals of our movement.

We reaffirm that we will remain open and accessible to all, and appeal to those who would hear us to establish a firm foundation for communal cooperation, civil discourse and mutual understanding.■

THE BLACK VALISES

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across Russia is one thing I wish to know. And the second is how you managed to get on the train, ah?" Thousands of men lie under bare skies all over the land, people travel on roofs of wagons, we are all crowded here like spider's eggs in a pouch and comrade is riding on top of fancy black valises like a bloody aristocrat. I hope comrade has gold and diamonds inside. Anyhow, whatever it is I wish not to see it anymore. Next stop, out you go with the valises, or out go the valises and you stay with your small volume!"

I was afraid for Engel and watched the two intently. But Engel seemed to be regaining his composure. He straightened his back and put his hand on his breast-pocket.

"But . . . but . . . comrade commandant . . . it . . . it is . . . very important . . . ominously so . . . " he stumbled in broken Russian. "Here . . . the certificate . . . you may read yourself."

He fished out of his pocket a folded sheet of paper and handed it to the Russian. The official unfolded it and glanced at the bottom of the page.

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"A round stamp . . . it bears a round stamp!" someone said. A round stamp was a sacred testimony to the fact that someone in the complicated hierarchy of Russian bureaucracy had dealt with the problem and issued a document.

The official seemed surprised, but he folded the paper and made a motion of resignation with his hand.

"There are some things in this life I shall never understand," he said, "and this is one of them."

Before moving on he knocked on the side of the valises. The muted sound testified that they were solidly packed.

The train moved on relentlessly, day and night, stopping once in a while at small stations in the middle of nowhere. After a few days the wide expanses of whiteness had disappeared and we entered mountainous arid terrains. Sunshine started penetrating in thin slanting beams into the wagon. It seemed to melt some of the weariness and the fear. There were deep caves in the barren mountains gaping dark and mysterious, white huts in the valleys, swift streams with gurgling, swirling water and strangely dressed people riding small agile horses. People seemed to unfold, becoming willing to share. Arms stretched from one compartment to another offering cigarettes, bundles were untwisted to dig out dried fruits and candies. It was still cold, but dry. We were crossing the boundaries of Europe and entering Asia.

Groups of people took turns by the window to admire the changing and beautiful landscape. I stood glued to the window too. It was like entering a story land.

At night the train rattled on narrow tracks. The darkness around was so complete that I thought there were only the few of us, the train and the stars left in the world. People around sighed and grunted and whispered, cigarettes glowed in the darkness and the *machorka* tobacco gave a strong aroma, like that of burning dry leaves.

Mother had a candle with her. From a lump of clay she had dug from a little hill at one of the stations she had formed a candleholder with a curved handle. She put the candleholder on top of a valise, protecting the feeble, shaky flame with the palms of her hands. Cupped around the candle her hands were red and almost transparent.

A few people moved closer to us. The light of the candle made the wrinkles on their faces look deeper and their eyes darker. Looking into the flame Mother said, "We are entering a magnificent land."

The eyes turned curiously towards her. I slipped off my father's knees to be nearer. Mother then said we were in Uzbeckistan. The people opened their eyes even wider. They had never heard of this land. She then told them it was an ancient, fertile and beautiful country, of mild climate and protected from harsh winds and enemies by high mountains. It was a part of Russia now, but hundreds of years ago, it was the proudest of lands, a centre of the Empire of the Mamluks, who came from the east and conquered those territories like a hurricane. She told them about the wild Gingis Han and the wise Tamerlane who ruled amidst unbelievable splendours.

The man with the bandaged face, who used to be a butcher's helper in the small Jewish town from which he escaped scratched his ear thoughtfully.

"And where do you know all this from, Mrs. Solomonovna? How does one know things like this?"

"I read about it, Mr. Kugelman."

"And you believe what you read?"

"Just as much as I believe what I hear, and sometimes more."

Mr. Kugelman smiled. "I can see that when asked, you can answer, Mrs. Solomonovna. But if you ask *me*, *I* don't believe in any reading. What is reading good for? It is like the wind passing over a field of wheat. You can't eat it, you can't drink it, you can't sleep with it or use it for a blanket at night. But take, for example, a nice side of rib . . . "

Mother sighed, though I could see that the thought of a nice side of rib was not unpleasant to her. "It would take too long to explain, Mr. Kugelman. You are certainly right about some things. And yet, Mr. Kugelman, if it weren't for the wind, could the clouds accumulate and cause rain to fall?"

Mr. Kugelman scratched his ear again. "You are a difficult person to argue with, Mrs. Solomonovna."

"This is because I read a lot, Mr. Kugelman."

"But anyway, you do not convince me."

Other voices came from the darkened part of the carriage.

"Reading is empty words on paper to confuse your mind when your stomach is empty."

"No child was ever born from reading."

"Our Rabbi read all his life. So the Germans dragged him away from the reading stand. We did not read. We hid in the forest."

I looked at Mother. She seemed lost. I was sorry for her. It seemed strange to me; here she was telling them beautiful stories and they all turned against her. But I could alas see that what they said was true. You really could not eat stories. The Rabbi did not run to the forest. As for the children, my mother did have one though she read.

Then a voice came from the other end of the carriage. "And yet," the voice said, "all of you listened intently, with your eyes and ears wide open. It was so quiet around. It looked as if you forgot everything else."

It was such a loud and clear voice, that at first I did not identify it as belonging to Robert Engel. I was grateful to him. Mother seemed grateful too, for she smiled and the thin wrinkles disappeared from her forehead. The others did not react. Then she blew the candle out.

Other than that one strong reaction, Engel seemed oblivious to all. Whenever I looked in his direction, more to see the valises than to see him, he was perched on top of them, like a strange bird, almost immobile in his hawklike position, his head bent above his small volume. People were making bets about the contents of his suitcases. Mr. Kugelman said it was tobacco. The skinny man who slept on top of the luggage rack said it was furs. Others were divided between meat, conserves and beans. But soon they lost interest in him. Only the Russian official still bothered to tease him and cause a thin smile to linger on Engel's lips for a while.

Engel was not very talkative, but after a while we did learn a few things about him. He told Mother that he came from a Polish town close to the German border. He told Father that he had been a lonely bachelor all his life. It looked as if everything he had was locked in those fancy valises. He often examined them with fondness, and, one could say, a certain degree of respect. He spread a blanket on them at night and then slept curled on top. He had no food with him and was living on whatever the authorities rationed, which was not much. As they said in Russia — too much to die on and not enough to live on. A kind hand sometimes offered him tea leaves or a few dried tomatoes, and he accepted hastily and with some embarrassment. At the stations where we disembarked to trade cigarettes and tobacco for food, he stayed inside, guarding his black treasures.

"Learned Comrade," the official teased him, "take care not to stay too long on top of these valises. Your behind may stick to the lid and then you may have some trouble opening them. And then what . . . ?"

Engel usually shied away from the adults in the company. Only two other children and I were allowed to share his seat on top of the valises, close to the ceiling. He was fond of children. Sometimes, when he tired of looking into his small book, when his eyes were red and swollen under the gold-rimmed glasses, he told us stories. It was he who first told me the story of Aladdin and his lamp. When he described the lamp, which was made of brass, his eyes wandered to the shiny locks on his valises.

Then, one day he said something strange, something I wished I could believe. He said there were many lamps like Aladdin's around, but people did not know where to look for them. "I hope," he said to us, "I hope you find yours one day."

Once, when I thought he was in a better mood than usual, I pulled on his sleeve to divert his attention from his small volume and then, slowly and hesitantly, I asked him what it was that was hidden in his valises. I did not believe for a moment, I said, that those were furs or conserves, the way others did. So what was it? I asked. Were those princess's garments entrusted to his care or perhaps some secrets of a powerful king? Was he, Engel, an important person in disguise?

He smiled slyly and his eyes narrowed under his gold rimmed glasses. "So you want to know everything, eh? So curiosity is eating at your heart like a green worm?"

I lowered my eyes innocently and started fingering the button of his jacket. "I just want to know, Uncle Engel. Just in case you do not mind telling me. I'll keep it a secret, I promise."

He observed me for a while, as if trying to decide what to do next, then threw a quick glance around and bent his head towards me. "Could you not guess till now?" he whispered, "It's the complete pre-war production of Aladdin's lamps. I am salvaging them from Hitler."

I looked at him with disbelief, but he only smiled

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THE BLACK VALISES

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slyly again, then went on reading in his little book, which had minute letters, very thin pages and a nice leather cover.

One day we arrived at a train station in a city, the name of which was Samarkand. The station was large and had a few lines of tracks and some solid whitewashed buildings. We were told to disembark for de-lousing, showers and rest. We crawled out of the wagons, stretching our limbs, basking in the luxury of fresh air. Our scanty belongings were to go with us to the disinfection centre. Rumours spread that typhoid and cholera were rampant in the area. Lice were the chief transmitters of these diseases and we all knew that we were infested. Engel was the last to emerge, his thin frame almost bent under the weight of the valises.

People were now emerging from the other wagons and the platform was soon noisy and crowded. Somebody coughed into the loudspeakers. The sound reverberated across the platform, silencing everybody. Then a voice announced a list of people who were to report to the station's commanding officer immediately. Robert Engel was one of the first. He was standing not far from us, and I noticed his desperate, confused expression. Others were already on their way, running towards the large building in the centre of the complex. He seemed to be weighing something in his mind. He tried to lift the valises, then approached a man on his left. The man shrugged his shoulders, as if reluctant to take it upon himself, then agreed to keep an eye on them.

Engel joined the others, turning to look back every few steps. He seemed desperately torn between the need to obey and the will to return. But like all of us he knew that one did not disobey the authorities for any reason in the world and, casting one last glance backwards, he entered the building.

Shortly afterwards, the loudspeakers directed us to the exit, where trucks were standing ready to transport us to the disinfection centre. The man assigned to watch the valises tried to lift them, but they were too heavy and he proceeded without them. The line of people divided, leaving them behind.

We saw Engel later that afternoon in the disinfection centre. With swollen eyes, his hands moving wildly, he was running from person to person.

"Have you seen my valises?" he cried. "Have you seen my valises?!" Nobody had seen them after leaving the station. he returned to the platform, then came back, dishevelled, tearful, desperate. He held his head between his hands.

"They stole my valises!" he cried. "They stole my valises!"

He ran back and forth, asking questions, still hopeful, then collapsed on the floor. He sat there crouched and broken. People were passing by, nodding, moving on. Mr. Kugelman approached him and laid a hand on his shoulder.

"Calm down, Mr. Engel, calm down. Myself and other people lost families and homes and they are not that desperate. What was it that you kept in those valises?"

Robert Engel lifted his face and, slowly, as if every syllable was causing him pain, uttered, "My books, all my books." The old man retreated smiling cynically.

Someone started laughing loudly, then someone else joined in. Word passed around and after a while there was a crowd of people standing laughing, unfeeling. Engel stared at them blankly, unseeing, unhearing, engulfed by despair.

"My books," he repeated, "my research, my life's work, all gone."

Nobody seemed to understand. I too stared at him in astonishment and fear. But the intensity of his anguish touched me in a strange way. I wanted to run to him, to put my arms around him, to tell him not to cry, that perhaps he would find his valises. But I was too shy and I remained in the distance, just staring at him, like the others.

The train continued on its way, but we decided to remain in that city. It was a beautiful city and it was the ancient capital of the conqueror Tamerlane.

Engel stayed too, hoping to locate his valises. He posted notices everywhere, promised rewards and gratitude.

He found work as a water carrier and I met him often on my way to school. He had to balance two metal buckets suspended from a long wooden pole that rested on his shoulders. He carried the water from the public cistern, next to the train station, and people jokingly said that he hoped to empty the cistern to find out if the valises were at its bottom.

"Not much of a difference," he remarked to me once. "I used to quench people's thrist for knowledge, now I quench their thirst for water. One can't live without either."

I was one of the few who would still listen to his oft-repeated story. The grownups had their own problems and Engel's loss seemed to them to be trivial and unimportant. I too could not understand the depth of his despair. People were dying in the streets, husbands and fathers were going to war — maybe never to return — and he was still mourning his books. People said he was an "old nudnick" — a bore — and though I liked Engel, deep within myself I was starting to agree with them.

But one day I saw things differently. At the school for refugee children, the ones who did best in their studies were given a special privilege: they could borrow a Polish book from the principal's office and take it home for a few days. There were only five or six books in the principal's glass case and he handed them out with reverence and many words of admonition. I received *The Fairy Tales* of Oscar Wilde — a beautiful old book, illustrated with dreamy pictures in tones of gold, light blue and purple. I read while walking and eating, and also stealthily at night, under the blanket or in the dim light of the kerosene lamp. I cried with the Happy Prince and the swallow, laughed at the unfriendly miller; the mermaid and the selfish giant followed me wherever I went. For a few days I lived in an enchanted world.

One evening I went down to the square, where I played with the neighbourhood children, to show the book to my friend Samenchuk. I lay the book on the step, next to where we were sitting and I forgot it there. I remembered it only after I returned home. I immediately ran back to the square. But the book was not there. I spent a tormented, sleepless night. In my nightmares I saw my parents stooping above me with angry and disappointed faces. I saw the principal's finger, long and accusing, pointing in the direction of the emply space in the glass case. I thought with sorrow that I should never again be given the privilege of taking home any of the other books he held there. I knew the children were going to nickname me "the book loser" and that the nickname would stay with me forever.

But even more painful was the realization that I would never know what happened to the mermaid, or to the characters in the other, unread stories. I had a feeling of being left suspended in a void and I cried over their fates and mine.

The next day, my eyes still red and swollen, I ran after the water carrier. "Uncle Engel, stop, stop!" I wanted to tell him about the book, to ask whether he knew the end, whether he had read the other stories. I was gasping and puffing when I reached him. He paused and looked at me, surprised.

"What is it, my child?" His gold frames sparkled in the sun.

"Uncle Engel, I . . . lost a book. Oscar Wilde. Do you know the stories?"

I wanted to tell him more, but something held me back. Perhaps it was the memory of the scene in the disinfection centre.

He stooped above me. "You did? Oscar Wilde, you say? No . . . I do not know his stories. Never read them. But don't be sad." He patted my head softly. "You know, when the war ends and you come back to Poland, the stores are going to be loaded with books. All you'll have to do is walk up to the lady at the counter, and she will bring them to you. There are going to be libraries too, with miles and miles of books, on many bright floors. In the corner, just next to the window, you'll find Oscar Wilde's stories . . . with beautiful colourful pictures . . . you'll see."

It sounded impossible, but nice. Then he said quietly, sadly, "As for me, it's all lost."

"No, it's not, Uncle Engel, it's not!" I cried, "Rember Aladdin's lamp!"

Then I ran away, embarrassed by my audacity. When I looked back he was still standing there, shading his eyes with his hands, the dark surface of water in the buckets sparkling and shimmering.■

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MERCAZ

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visibility, as reflected in the M'Sorati (the Conservative Movement in Israel) is close to zero; but as the combined influence of Mercaz and Arza-Kadima increases within WZO, the predictable violent reaction of Mizrachi will undoubtedly make news in Israel and serve to raise our profile rapidly.

Even more importantly, peace looms ever larger on the horizon in Israel. Once peace is achieved, the internal sociological forces within Israel will emerge clearly and will reveal a remarkable similiarity to the sociological situation that prevailed in America in our post-World War II era: the prospect of rapid economic growth, a second and third generation of descendants of immigrants undergoing acculturation; a mass movement to almost universal university education, with the resultant understanding of and disillusionment with secularism, fundamentalist orthodoxy and a purely hedonistic materialism. These were the same factors that powered the rapid growth of Conservative Judaism in America after World War II, so that our numbers doubled in little more than twenty years.

We are therefore entitled to conclude that the time is propitious for a similar growth of M'Sorati (Conservative Judaism) in Israel and through Mercaz, we Conservative Jews in North America can play a very significant role in this growth. Obviously this is a long-term goal and will be achieved only by dint of serious commitment and persistent effort. But if we are to be worthy of our claim to be the true "Heirs of the Pharisees" and the true Zionists, the effort must be made. At this stage, one can only set forth as a goal worthy of such effort, this updated version of Herzl's words:

> If you will it, it is no dream that from Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.■

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Letters

Sir:

I have always admired your publication, *Viewpoints*, and was pleased when asked to contribute some of my photographs to its recent issue, Vol. XIV, N°5, 1986.

However, I must protest the placement of one of these photographs under the title, and within the body of an essay by Rabbi Manuel Lewittes, *Feminism and the Halakhah* on page 6. That text cannot in any way be said to describe or relate to my photograph. Nor, can my photograph, which uses the familiar artist/model-in-the-studio scenario to address the power relations inherent in patriarchy, and to propose its dismantling, serve as an illustration for Rabbi Lewittes' discourse on feminism's "strident demands for 'the equality of the sexes'". This unfortunate juxtaposition is not only inappropriate, but, I regret, misleading to your readers.

Sincerely,
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